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N 77 E	27.5	6.27	1.55		6.70		8	7	1.63		6.63		9.21		8.412	14.8016	
N 46 E	10.	2.50	1.73		1.80		3	2	1.76		1.78		8.41		11.14 "	25.9562	
N 23 E	10.	2.50	2.30		.97		3	2	2.33		.95		2.73		11.67 "	79.5894	
N 3 W	27.	6.75	6.74			.35	8	7	6.82			.42	.53			36.1713	
N 23 E	12.5	3.12	2.87		1.21		4	3	2.91		1.18		.76		12.43 "	15.40 "	
N 46½ E	10.	2.50	1.72		1.81		3	2	1.75		1.79		2.97		15.40 "	26.9500	
N 72 E	30.	12.50	3.86		11.88		15	12	4.01		11.76		13.55		28.95 "	116.0845	
N 72 E	14.	3.50	.97		3.36		4	4	1.01		3.32		15.08		44.03 "	44.4703	
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N 12½ E	104.	26	14.17		17.59		33	26	19.50		17.31				87.06 "	672.1032	
N 10½ W	31.	7.75	7.62			1.41	10	8	7.72			1.49	15.82				
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N 14 W	60.	15.	14.55			3.63	19	15	14.74			3.78		5.54	78.27 "	1153.6998	
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S 72 W	158.	39.50		12.20		37.56	49	40		11.71		37.96		39.91	94.29 "	1104.1359	
S 29½ E	62.	15.50		13.49	7.63		19	15		13.30	7.48			30.48	124.77 "	1659.4410	
S 68 E	60.	15.		5.62	13.91		19	15		5.43	13.76		21.24		103.53 "	562.1679	
S 1 W	59.	14.75		14.75		.25	18	15		14.57		.40	13.36		90.17 "	1313.7769	
S 12½ W	10.	2.50		2.44		.53	3	2		2.41		.56		.96	91.13 "	219.6233	
S 41 W	16.5	4.12		3.11		2.70	5	4		3.06		2.74		3.30	94.43 "	288.9558	
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S 12 E	6.5	1.62		1.58	.34		1	2		1.57	.32			.61	126.93 "	199.2801	
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S 6 W	36.	9.		8.95		.94	11	9		8.84		1.03	3.49		116.38 "	1028.7992	
S 55 E	11.	2.75		2.25	1.58		3	3		2.22	1.55		.52		115.86 "	257.2092	
S 59½ E	14.	3.50		2.01	2.86		4	4		1.97	2.82		4.37		111.49 "	219.6353	
S 71 E	46.	11.50		3.74	10.87		14	12		3.60	10.75		13.57		97.92 "	352.5120	
S 62 E	38.5	9.62		4.52	8.49		12	10		4.40	8.39		14.14		78.78 "	345.8320	
S 57½ E	48.	12.		6.45	10.12		14	12		6.31	10.		18.39		60.39 "	381.6569	
S 57 E	44.5	11.12		6.99	8.64		13	11		6.86	8.53		18.53		41.86 "	287.1596	
S 34 E	21.	5.25		4.35	2.94		8	5		4.27	2.89		11.42		30.44 "	129.9788	
S 40 E	35.	8.75		6.70	5.62		10	9		6.60	5.53		8.42		22.02 "	145.3200	
S 36½ E	13	3.25		2.61	1.93		4	3		2.57	1.90		7.43		14.59 "	37.4963	
S 7 E	16	4.		3.97	.49		5	4		3.92	.45		2.35		12.24 "	47.9808	
S 16 E	39	9.75		9.37	2.68		12	10		9.25	2.58		3.03		9.21 "	85.1925	
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Wm Garland's Survey of 1757

1717 - Kay to Williams - 30 a (part of 680 a) 300 a.
~~1718 - Chanpe & Turner & Taggart to R. Thornton~~
1725 Kay to Taylor 170 3/4 "
1726 " " 42 1/2 "
* 1732. Champe & Ambrose to R. Thornton 300 "
o 1736. Williams to Corbin 523 "
* 1730 Jeakins to Skinker 104 1/2 "
Wly S 17 po: N 45 W 140: N by E 32: S 65 1/4 W 16:
N 5 E 60: N 42 1/2 E 104: S 10 1/2 E 261:
* 1733 Skinker to Corbin.
Williams " do
o 1736. Monroe & to Taylor 337 1/2 "
1739. Williams to Thornton 130 "
1759. Thornton to Fitzhugh
1760. " " 300 "
" " 130 "
1767. Fitzhugh to Fitzhugh 473 "
1794 Berry to Berry 216 "

Geo: Jones - Jiskins - Skrine - 1725
1736 Jofsaker - Dinwiddie - Mathews 1726
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J Price 124 and Dogue
J Popham 126 Swamps -
B Shipling 80
J. Kay 1011 - J. Jiskins -
to 42 1/2
p 396 - Skrine 2000 above Hop Yard
Berry 702 J. Kay's -

Mem:
Deeds for lands
in
King George

Wheat crop for 1829 — product

Hop Yard — Seeded in 1828. 352 bush. wheat — 1261 } 1661

Dogue — 400 }

over-run 15

1676

Shipped 1276

Seed 385

for people 15

Co Co for 1830 — product

H. Yard — Seeded in 1829. 352 bush. 1633

Dogue — Co Co 123 — 530 — 2163

385

Shipped 1740

Seed — 423

~~people 15~~

~~2163~~

Co for 1831 — Product

H. Yard — Seeded in 1830. 303 bush. —

Dogue — Co Co 120

423

Hop Yard — 1271 — over-run 105 bush. 1/4 bush.

Dogue — 1080 — over-run 1 bush. 3/4 bush.

1829 — 7261 bush. 2445 bush.

selling 281 — 103

sale 112 — 220

people 33 — 16

1830 — 751 — 309

selling 315 — 115

sale 370 — 184

people 60 — 10

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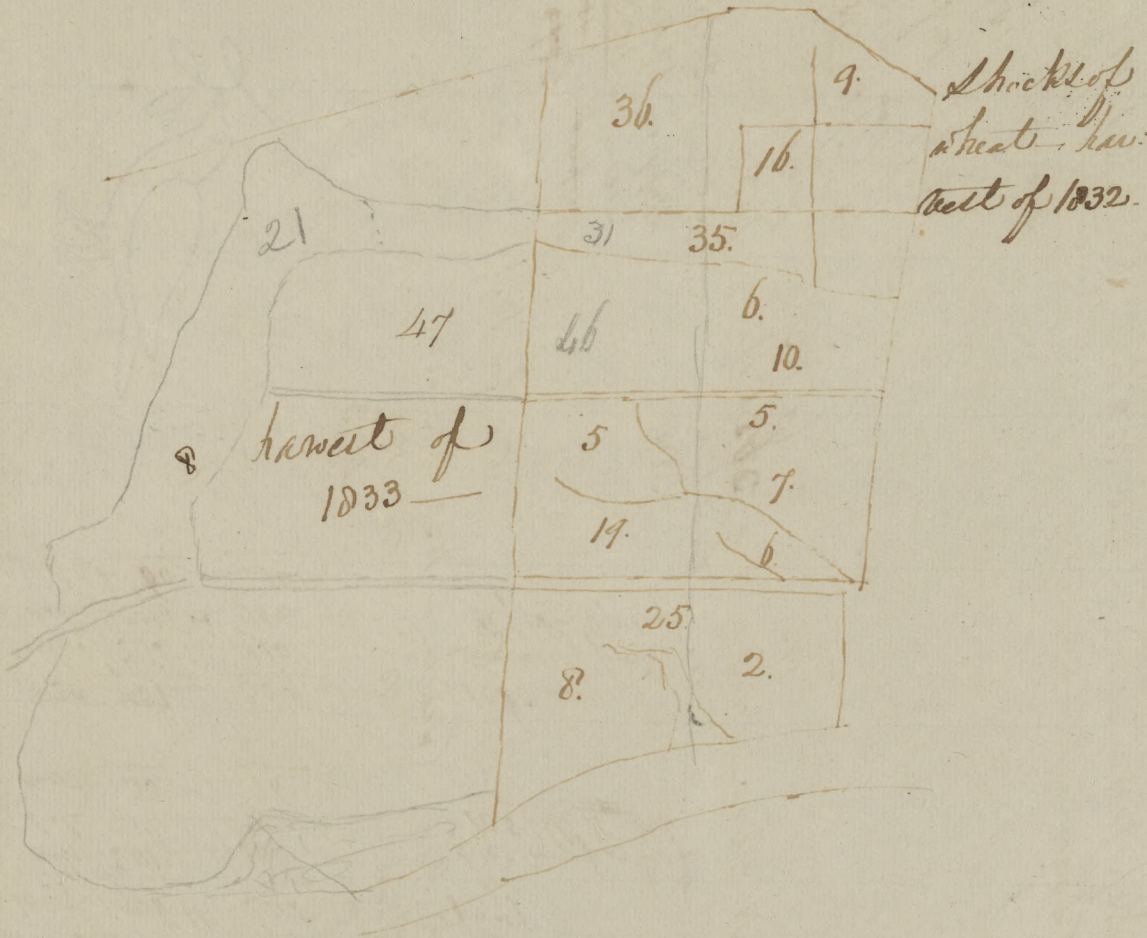
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An Account of the Surveys and Title Papers of my Real Estate in the County of King George, as devised to me by the last Will and Testament of my Father John Taylor, duly recorded in the court of said County.—

The oldest title paper known to me, is a Patent granted by Sir William Berkley, Knight, Governor &c. to Col. Gerrard Fooke and Mr. Richard Naibard, for 1080 acres of land, dated the 23rd of March, 1664.— The next is a patent from the Proprietors of the Northern Neck granted to Col: John Catlett for 500 acres of land, dated the 2nd of June 1666— the title to the Dogue is derived from this patent, which establishes the lines as follows: viz: beginning at a point of land on the North side of Omen or Dogue creek, the course is N. 65° E. distance 300 poles— on this line appeared a fence or the Cartlett road then surveyed by Aaron Thornley in 1802— thence S. 25° E. 266⅔ poles— thence S. 65° W. 300 poles, with several ancient marked trees in 1802— thence N. 25° W. 266⅔ poles to the beginning, including an area of 500 acres— V. p 16.

The third is an including patent granted by Herbert Jeffreys Esq. Gov.r &c. to James Kaye for 2000 acres of land, dated the 3rd day of April, 1678, with the following courses & distances, viz: "beginning at a marked tree standing on a "point near the mouth of Dogue creek on the north side, extending along the same "E. by N. 386 poles— N. 1/4 W. 654 poles to a marked corner tree in the head of "a Nachowaticy Beaver Dam— W. 3° N. 715 poles to a marked hickory in a branch, "being a tree in Mr. Catlett's line— S. W. 20 poles S.E. 194 poles to a white oak" V. p 27.

"near a piece of low ground – E.S.E. 2 of. 15° S. 310 poles – S.W. by S. 320 poles to river &
"with the river to the beginning" – (Memorandum in the hand-writing of Jno. Taylor.)

The fourth patent is dated in 1715, "beginning", according to a memo: in the hand-
writing of Judge Lomax,) "on the point between Dogue Swamp (and Kay's Swamp below)
"Widow Filpind at the S.E. part of said point, up the Dogue Swamp N. by the same
"E. by N. 500 poles to a white oak near to Robert Harrison's land – thence off
"by W. 770 poles binding on said Harrison, Thomas Williams (and Mary Berry to a
"hickory standing near to Hailes Road – thence W. by S. 768 poles to a stake in
"line of land held by Capt. Samuel Mathews – thence with the same (the line
"of Samuel Mathews) S. 61½ E. 670 poles to a red oak – thence S.W. by S. 326
"poles to a place by the river side called the Hopyard, where Mathews makes
"his beginning – thence S. 38° E. by and night the river bank 112 poles to the
"first station." V. p. 27.

There is among the papers a deed of Robert Harrison & wife to Thomas
Williams for 100 acres of land, "lying & being on the north side of Rappahannock river
in the county of Richmond," dated in the 4th year of the reign of Queen Anne,
14th March 1705 – recorded in Richmond County Court – Jno. Sherlock, C.C.
It describes no metes (and bounds –

There is a copy of a lease from James Kay to Thomas Williams,
dated 24th of February, 1717, recorded in Richmond County Court, 2nd July, 1718,
M. Barkworth, C.C., describing "that part or parcel of land, situate, lying
"& being in the parish of Hanover, in the said county of Richmond, containing
"30 acres more or less, beginning at a marked red oak by John Spillers

clear

"clear ground, thence running across the land of James Kay, partly to these "presents, to a marked beech, thence down along a swamp side commonly "called & known by the name of Kay's swamp to the mouth of Thomas Williams' "spring branch, and so from thence up the said branch till you come to the "said Thomas Williams' spring, and so from thence along the said Thomas "Williams' land to the first mentioned beginning, which said 30 acres of land as "aforesaid being part of a patent of 1680 acres of land formerly granted to Col. "Lewis Burke & Mr. Richard Maibard by patent bearing date the 23rd of March, "1664, (and by the said Richard Maibard (being survivor) sold & assigned to James "Kay, grandfather to the present James Kay, to whom this land descends by "inheritance"—

Next is a copy of deed of release from Kay to Williams, dated 25th February, 1717, for the land above described — making a full sale of these 30 acres to Thomas Williams—

Then comes a deed of lease from James Kay to Thomas Tamer (an John Ferguson, churchwardens of the Parish of Hanover, in the county of Richmond, dated 3rd March, 1718, (followed by a deed of release dated 4th March 1718) recorded in Richmond County, selling for a Glebe a "parcel of land, con: "taining 300 acres, release, lying & being in the said Parish of Hanover, in "the county of Richmond, and beginneth at a large marked white oak "standing on a level near William Berry's Mill, it being the eastermost "corner-tree of the tract of land whereon the said Kay now lives, the said "300 acres being part of the said tract — from the said white oak, it runneth

"by a line of marked trees towards the river, W. by S., 180 poles, to a small "red oak on a level, thence N. by W. 293 poles to a small hickory, E. by "N. 180 poles to the line that parts the said Kay's land and Henry Berry's "land, thence along the said line, S. by E., 293 poles to the first station— "the said bounds including 30 acres formerly sold by the said James Kay to "Thomas Williams (and is to be excluded from this the said 300 acres of land."

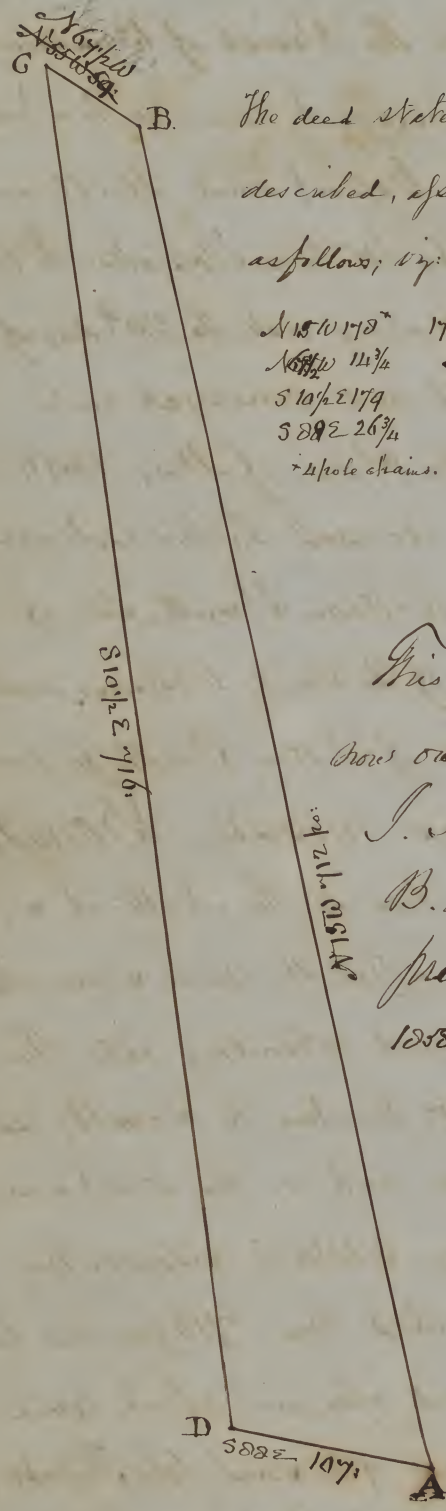
Next is a deed from John Champe & John Ambrose, church-war-dens of the Parish of Brunswick in the county of King George, dated the 4th of May, 1733, conveying the above tract of 300 acres, described as before, to Rowland Thornton, of Hanover Parish, in consideration of the sum of 255 £ current money of Virginia — recorded in King George County Court, T. Turner, C. C. (See p. 25 — for John Taylor's first purchase in 1725.)

The most ancient survey in my possession, of the Hop-Yard, was made in Sept. 1751, for my grand-father, John Taylor — by William Garland, who describes it as "beginning on the river side at the mouth "of a small creek at the letter A, and running up the said creek & "swamp called Kay's swamp its several courses when brought into a strait "line 172 poles to a corner at B, on the north side of the said swamp, thence "N. by E. 32 poles to C, a corner on the brow of a hill, thence S. 80 p. W. "16 poles to a white oak on a point at D, thence N. 1° W. 60 poles to a "small hickory in Mr. Stinker's line at E, and along said line N. 42½ p. E. 104 poles to F, a corner where formerly stood a scrubby oak, thence N. 10½ W. 31 poles to G, thence N. 84½ p. W. 7 poles to H, thence N. 14° W. 60

poles

In 1736, Scarlet Hancock, of Prince William County, conveyed to John Taylor 337½ acres "in the Parish of Brunswick, "in the County of King George upon Rappahannock river, on the North "side thereof, being the land whereon John Gilbert and William "Fickling now live, and that was sold by Mr. John Fofseker to Col. "George Mason, of Stafford County, by deeds bearing date the 20th day of "March, 1692, and by the said Mason sold and conveyed unto "Martin Scarlet by deed bearing date the 1st day of May, 1694, and "by the said Martin Scarlet given and devised by his last will "bearing date the 5th of January 1705/6 unto William Smith, son of "Edward and Lettice Smith, and in case of the said William's death "before he attained 21 years of age, to the heirs of Lettice Smith for ever, "who is the Scarlet Hancock party to these presents — BOUNDED "as follows (viz) Beginning at an ash tree at the North of a "branch by a great piece of sunken grounds upon the river side, which "ash is the corner tree of Richard Thipway, and extending into the "woods by a line of marked trees N 13* W 712 perches to a crabby red "oak, thence W. N. W. 54 perches by a white oak on the West side "of a path leading to Parson Waugh's, thence S 10½ E, intersecting "the said path divers times by a line of marked trees, 716 perches to "a chestnut oak standing in the sunken land aforesaid, which land "divides the land hereby granted from the land of the said John Fofseker, "and from the said chestnut oak 107 perches to the first mentioned "ash tree".

*"N 15 W" in deed of release - V. plat of same on next page -



The deed states this tract to be 337½ acres. The courses & distances described, assuming the last course to be S 88 E, make it 338.0.7½; as follows; viz:

	N	S	E	W	E & W	W & E	Mult.
N 15 W 178*	172.68			45.43	19.16		
N 68½ W 114¾	5.62			13.60	54.53	54.53 W	364.5386
S 10½ E 179		176.39	32.76	19.16	40.33 W	44.17 2.510	
S 88 E 26¾		0.97	26.77	54.53	19.16 E	35.37	19.5352
						353.1438	353.1438
						8764.9976	
						338.29986	
						.87762	
						37.8496	

* 4 pole chains.

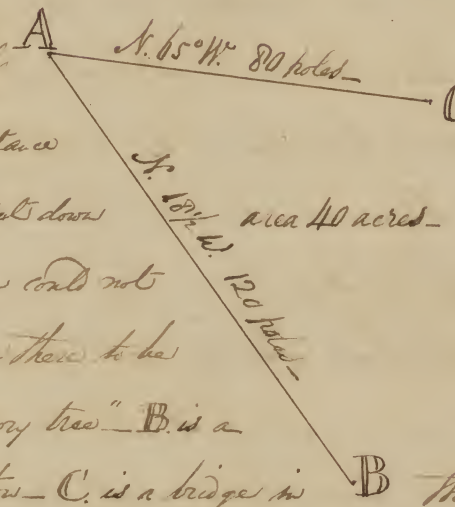
338 acres 0 37½ po:

This land is a part of the tract called "Spring Hill", now owned by Mr William Wallace. It was sold by J. T. to James G. Paliafero — was owned by Gustavus B. Wallace, who bequeathed it to his son — the present owner — and sold by him to C. L. Dade in 1858. It adjoins the Hayes' tract on the West.

"60 poles to I, a large red oak, thence N. W. 32 poles to K, thence N. 64 W.
"by or nigh an old line of marked trees 259 poles to Matthew's corner,
"two large oaks at L, thence N. 15° E. 24 poles to M, thence N. 52 poles
"to N, thence N. 6° W. 68 poles to O, corner to John Stowers, thence S.
"72° W. 158 poles to P, corner to Col. John Champe, thence along the said
"Champe's line S. 29½° E. 60 poles to Q, thence S. 68° E. 60 poles to R, at
"the head of a branch that issueth out of Haugh creek, thence down the
"meanders of the said branch to S, at the mouth of the said creek at
"the river side, thence down the several courses of the said river to the
"beginning, including 897¾ acres, surveyed & completed this 15th Sept. 1751."

There is, in a corner of the survey, a diagram, with a memorandum as follows—

"Surveyed 40 acres of land for "Mr Taylor Esq., being a small distance "from the other— the courses are set down "as they were shown me, as we could not "find the head line— I believe there to be "more land"— "A. is a hickory tree"— B. is a "red oak, corner to Joshua Lanton— C. is a bridge in the new road"—



This land was conveyed by my grandfather to Laurence Ashton in 17 . It lies W. of the public road from Fred'g to King George C. H. bounded on the North by the land of Robert Wallace— W. & S. by the land of Jas Mrs P. Robb— & East by the public road—

The next paper is a copy of a deed of release, dated 7th August 1760 from Francis Thornton & Elizabeth his wife, of the Parish of Brunswick, King George County, to John Fitzhugh, of Stafford County, conveying, in consideration of the sum of 500£, the tract of land containing 300 acres described in the deed from May to Turner & Ferguson, (and as in the deed from Chapse and Ambrose to Rowland Thornton, father to Francis Thornton, (and bequeathed by Rowland Thornton to Francis Thornton; also conveying "130 acres of land in "two tracts or dividends, be the same, more or less, situate, lying & being in the "aforesaid Parish (and County of King George, joining to the aforesaid 300 acres, "purchased by the said Francis Thornton of Thomas Williams, by deeds bearing "date the 2nd & 3rd days of April, 1739"— recorded at King George County Court, 7th August, 1760— Robt Armistead. C. C.

A deed from John Fitzhugh, of Belair, Stafford County, (and his son, George Fitzhugh, of King George County, to Daniel McCarty Fitzhugh, conveying, in

consideration

Berry to Berry, July 17. 1794.

	Po:	Lks: Ch.	N	S	E	W	Edd	Mult.		N. Areas	S. Areas
S 13 E	190	47.5		45.77	10.63			15.34	0.0016		
N 56 E	35	8.75	4.87		7.25		17.88		17.88 E	87.0756	
N 72 E	425	10.62	2.33		10.39		17.64		35.52 „	82.7616	
S 72 E	120.	30.		9.22	28.56		38.95		74.47 „		686.6134
N 10½ E	118.	37.	36.44		6.78		35.34		109.81 „	1001.4764	
N 71½ W	159.	39.75	12.68			37.64		30.86	78.95 „	1001.0860	
S. 87 W	106.	26.5		1.33		25.97		63.61	15.34 „		20.4022
										5172.3996	707.0156
										707.0156	
										4465.3840	
										2232.6920	
										1.07680	
										.317200	

203¼ Acres.

Scale 160 po: to 1 inch.

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consideration of the sum of 800£, "that tract or parcel of land, lying & being in "the county of King George, commonly called & known by the name of Fenwicaux or the "Hop-Yard, (and containing by estimation 473 acres, be the same more or less," dated 20th February, 1787, (and recorded 5th April, 1787, T. Edmondson, Cl. C. C.

A Deed from Joel Berry to Enoch Berry, both of King George Co., conveying, in consideration of the sum of 216£, "a certain tract or parcel of land "lying & being situate in the county of King George (and State of Virginia aforesaid, "containing Two Hundred (and Sixteen acres, more or less, and bounded as follows, "viz. Beginning at A on the mill run, corner near the widow Smith, thence "S. 13° E. 190 poles, thence N. 56° E. 35 poles, thence N. 78° E. 42½ poles, thence "S. 72° E. 120 poles, thence N. 10½° E. 148 poles, thence N. 41½° W. 159 poles, thence "to the beginning" — dated 17th July, 1794, & recorded in Dec. 1794, C. Smith, Cl. C. C.

On the 13th August, 1795, an agreement was concluded between John Taylor & John Skinker, the said Taylor exchanging with said Skinker "a piece of "land known by the name of Fowell's, lying under & adjoining the land of J. Ashton, "for a piece of land belonging to the said Skinker at the lower end of his Hop-Yard "land" —

A survey was made in March, 1790, by Jno. Maury, "for Mr. Jno. "Fitzhugh, of Stafford, a parcel of land including 3 tracts in one, which he pur-"chased of Capt. Francis Thornton, situate lying in the county of King George, "bounded as follows, viz; beginning at A, a corner white oak on a level near "Berry's Mill, it being the beginning of the Glebe 300 acres, & extending along an "ancient line S. 77½° W. 180 poles to B, a place in Col. Corbin's corn-field, thence

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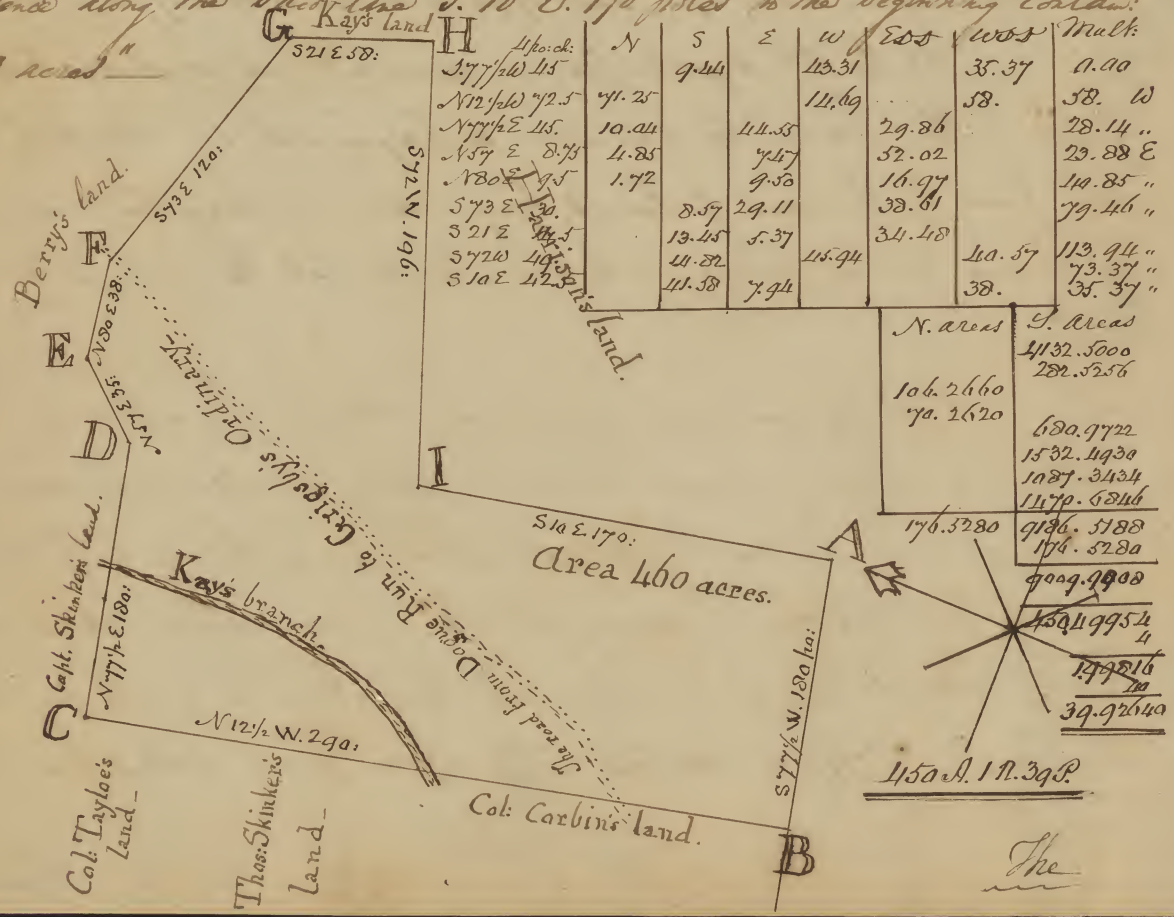
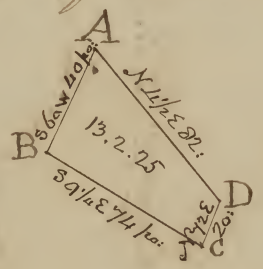
"running, after leaving the said field, along an ancient line of marked trees "N. 12½° W. 290 poles to C, a hickory in Mr. Skinker's line and a corner to "Col: Taylor — thence along Mr. Skinker's line N. 77½° E. 180 poles to D, "a stake on a hill in an old field — thence N. 57° E. 35 poles to E, "a marked gum in the line of Berry — thence N. 80° E. 38 poles to F, a "stake by the main road from Doque's run to Grigsby's Ordinary, a corner "to Berry — thence along another of his lines S. 73° E. 120 poles to G, a "dead white oak by two red oaks, a corner to James Kay — thence "along his line S. 21° E. 58 poles to H, a parcel of saplins by a large "live oak, a corner between Harrison and Williams — thence along "Harrison's line S. 72° W. 196 poles to I, a red oak & hickory in the Glebe "line — thence along the Glebe line S. 10° E. 170 poles to the beginning contain: "ing 460 acres" —



The next survey was made August 23rd 1785 – at the request of Mr John Fitzhugh and Joseph Harrison, of "a parcel or tract of land, being part of a "greater tract of land belonging to the said Harrison, and joining to a tract of "land belonging to the said Fitzhugh, formerly bought of Francis Thornton, commonly "called & known by the name of the Mop-Yard, situate, lying & being in the county of King "George, lying partly on the road called Port Royal road, and joining on the said Fitzhugh "and Harrison – Beginning at A, 2 Red oaks marked IF, standing on the "south side the said road, (and in the line of the fore-mentioned partes, then extending "along the said line S. 60° W. 40 poles to B, a dead red oak stump standing in the said "Fitzhugh cleared land, then along another of the said Fitzhugh's lines S. 9¼° E. 74 "po: to C, a large stoping hiccory, standing in the line of Fitzhugh (and is corner "to the said Harrison and Major William Roley, extending from the S. Fitzhugh "rd line along through the woods into the said Harrison's land to include the fore "mentioned parcel of land – then N. 72° E. 20 po: to D, a dead marked hiccory, "a red oak & white oak sapling marked IF, but the said Harrison denies to be "his corner – then still running thro' the S. Harrison land N. 4½° E. 82 poles to the "beginning, containing 13½ 1/8 acres (and 5 poles" (Endorsed) "Mr. Eldred's plat of 13½ acres "of land at the Mop Yard bought of Joseph Harrison – 1785."



A Survey was made on the 12th March, 1779, by Aaron Thornton, at

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the request of Mr. George Pitchugh, of his land in Bunbrick Swell containing 484 acres — "Beginning at a white oak near Rankin's house at A, extending "thence S. 76¾ W. 182 po: to B, in Bunbury's corn field, thence N. 13¼ W. 290 po: to "C, an old hickory stump in the line of Saml Skinker dec'd (and corner to that land "and the land of the Mrs John Taylor), thence N. 76° E. 180 po: to D, a stake on a "hill in Mr. Pitchugh's corn field near a school-house, thence N. 58° E. 40 po. "to E, a large gum stump in a thicket of small cedars, thence N. 79 E. 42 po: "to F, a post, corner to this land & the land of Saml Berry, thence S. 74° E. 120 po: "to a dead red oak & small persimmon bush in the line of Samuel Kay, at G, "thence in the line of the said Kay, S. 22° E. 60 po: to two red oak saplings near "the said Kay's fence at H, thence S. 68° W. 140 po: to two red oaks at Mr — "Pitchugh's gate at I, thence S. 3½° W. 82 po: to a red oak & white oak sapling by an "old hickory stump at K, thence S. 68° W. 20 po: to a large stopping hickory at L, thence "S. 12¼ E. 100 po: to the beginning."

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Lines: of	N	S	E	W	Eastd	Westd	Mult:	N. Area	S. Area
S 76 3/4 W 45.5		10.15		44.59		39.45			
N 13 1/2 W 74.	72.29			17.77		62.36	62.36 W		4514.2404
N 76 E 45.	11.15		43.37		25.60		36.76 "		409.8740
N 56 E 10.	5.65		8.23		57.60		14.84 E	83.8460	
N 78 E 10.5	2.25		10.20		18.43		33.27 "	74.8575	
S 74 E 30.		8.10	28.64		32.84		71.11 "		584.0910
S 22 E 15.		13.82	5.52		34.56		106.27 "		1468.6514
S 68 W 35.		12.91		32.68		27.16	79.11 "		1021.3101
S 3 1/2 W 20.5		20.34		1.39		34.07	115.41 "		916.1136
E 68 W 5.		1.84		4.67		6.06	38.98 "		71.7232
S 12 1/4 E 25.		24.28	5.14		.47		39.45 "		957.8460
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4892 1/4 Acres.

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Appended to a deed of Taylor devise to Skinker, dated the 14th day of Nov: 1808, is a survey made by Aaron Thornton on the 15th Sept 1795 for "John Taylor Esq, a field of his Hopyard tract of land in King George County, "commonly called Fewel's" — "beginning at the intersection of the fence of the S. field "& the fence of Mr. John Skinker, at a gum tree near the letter A, running the "meanders of said fence N. 10° E. 40 po: to B, N. 20° W. 40 po: to C, N. 5° E. 20 po: "to D, N. 14° W. 25 po: to the line of Mr. Isaac Ashton at E, thence binding "on S. Ashton S. 67° W. 156 po: to the land of Mr. John Skinker, commonly called "the Folly field, at F, thence along the fence that divides the S. Skinker and "Taylor fields. S. 32° E. 53 po: to G, near the head of the main branch of Mill "creek, thence down the meanders of the said branch to H, thence N. 64° E. "to the beginning, which includes an area of 94¼ acres — Also to add a "parcel of woodland to the said field, began at the letter A, and extended S. 38° W. till it intersects the S. branch at I, thence up the meanders of the "said branch to H, thence to the begining, which includes an area of 10 acres."

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The next survey was made in Feb: 1802 by Benj: N. Gerland, at the request of John Taylor, of his land, situate, lying & being in the county of King George, on Rappahannock river, & known by the name of the North Neck. Be:ginning at the letter A, at the mouth of a small creek, thence up the said creek and Kay's swamp, their several meanders to B, near 2 poles above a white oak, shown by the Skinker Esq. to be near the corner with Mr. Gower C. Tarler: thence with his lines S. 48¾ E. 140 po: crossing a road to C, in a field claimed by said Tarbrille — thence N. 75¼ E. 19½ po: to D, near a ditch & walling — thence N 75½ E. 132 po: to E, an old stump near a pine, corner with the land belonging to Moses Meares's Est: — thence with the same N. 13½ W. 100 po: crossing a road to F, an old hickory stump, corner with said Meares's Est: — thence N. 11½ E. 20 po: crossing the said road to G, where a hickory formerly stood, corner with the said Meares's Est. & the said Skinker — thence with his lines N 2½ E. 82 po: crossing the same road to H, where it is said Mr. Fitzhugh had a gate, corner with said Skinker — thence N. 76° E. 140 po: crossing a road to I, near Kay's fence at the edge of the swamp — thence N. 23° W. 60 po: to K, at the foot of a hill — thence N. 10¼ E. 148 po: to L, on a hill — thence N. 71¾ W. 177 po: crossing a road to M, in a swamp — thence down the same its several meanders to N, in the same corner with William Lord — thence S. 15° E. 196 po: crossing a branch to O, supposed to be the corner with said Skinker, but by him said to be in the line of a patent granted James King — thence S. 75° W. 190 po: crossing Kay's swamp, and the spring branch to P a pear, corner with said Skinker, near his gate — thence N. 87½ W. 7 po: to Q, — thence N. 11½ W. 60 po: to R — thence N. 47½ W. 32 po: to S — thence N. 66½ W. 275

po:

"poles to T, a gum corner with said Skinker, thence S. 38¾ W. 136 poles to "U, a white oak standing on the East side of the Mill branch, corner with "said Skinker — thence down the said branch, the Mill pond, and Haugh "creek, their several meanders to W, at said River — thence down the "said River its several meanders to the beginning — within which bounds "I find contained 158½ acres of land — William Lee, and Joseph Berry, "chain-carriers — Surveyed & completed the 15th — 16th & 17th days of Feb. 1802."

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X is the dwelling house on the Hof. Land.
Y " " " " the purchase from Mr. Fitzhugh —
Z " " " " Mr. Berry —
Within the letters A, B and figures 7.8.9.10 and P, Q, R, S, T, U, W, is the Hof. Land containing 750 acres —
Within the letters B, C, D and figures 10, 9.8.7, is the land got from Jno: Skinker — 107 acres —
Within the letters D, E, F, G, H, I, K, and figures 11, 12, and O, P, is the land purchased from Mr. Fitzhugh containing 490¼ acres —
Within the letters K, L, M, N, O, is the land purchased from Mr. Berry, containing 238¾ acres —
Within the letters T (p. 13), and figures 1.2.3.4.5.6 and U, is the land the said John Skinker got from John Taylor, containing 10¼ acres —

* 26 acres in dispute with Gawin C. Tarbewler. J. C. Fred.g —
Title confirmed in Taylor by judgment May. 1806 —
Title papers of E D P O filed in Cir.t Court — Fred.g —

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On the 23rd of July, 1802, a deed was executed by John Taylor and Anne Taylor, to Gowin C. Turberville, granting to said Turberville "all the Dunkin land on Hay's run on the West side of the main road leading "from the Royal to Fredericksburg, commencing at the said road & extending to "the river Rappahannock, and which land is situated in King George"—

There is a survey by Aaron Thornley, described as follows viz: "King "George County, to wit: July 22. 1802. In obedience to an order of the District "Court of Fredericksburg, dated Oct. 1801, upon a writ of Right Gowin C. "Turberville vs John Taylor, at the request of the demandant & by consent of the "parties, proceeded to survey & lay out the land in controversy as follows. The "demandant produced a patent from the proprietors of the Northern Neck "to Col: John Catlett for 500 acres of land, dated the 2nd day of June, 1666, which "we laid out by going to a point of land on the north side of Owen creek, "as per the following plat, at the letter A, which naturally appears to be "the place described in the s. patent for the beginning, and ran the lines A, B, "C, D, A, agreeable to the courses & distances of the said patent, and on the "first line a fence on the Court House road appeared, and on the line C, D, several an:"cient marked line trees, which included an area of 500 acres"—

"Also on the 19th day of April, 1803, at the request of the deft by his "Counsel, proceeded to survey & lay out the said land as follows. The d. deft. "produced a patent, granted by Sir Wm Berkeley, Knight, Governor to Col. Gerrard "Fowke & Mr. Richd Wibard for 1880 acres of land, dated the 23rd day of March, 1664; "also, an inclusive patent, granted by Herbert Jeffreys Esq. Governor &c. for 2000 acres

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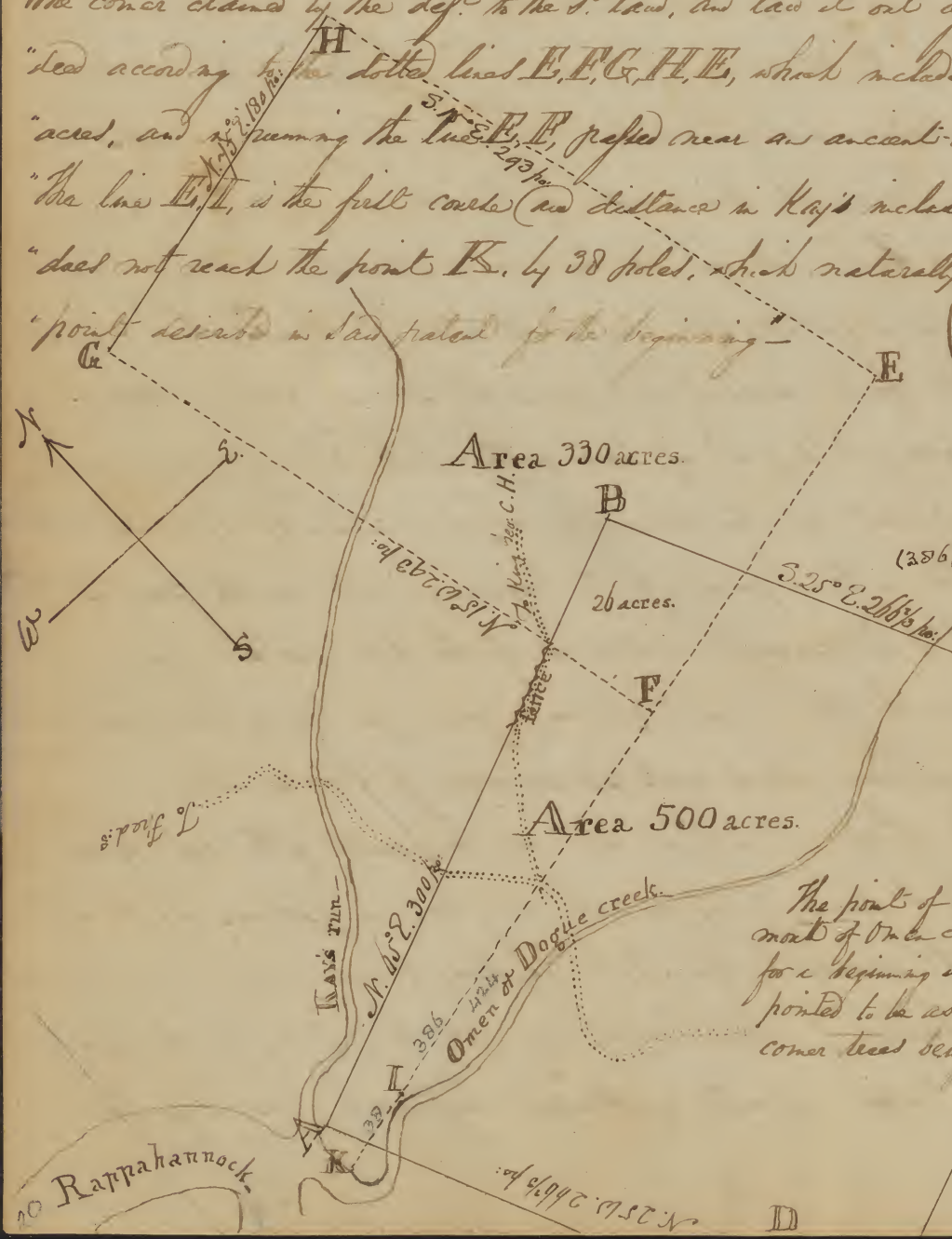
"of land to James Kay, dated the 3d day of april, 1678; also, a deed of lease & "release from James Kay, of the county of Richmond, to Thomas Turner and John "Ferguson, churchwardens in the parish of Hanover, in the county aforesaid, dated "the 4th day of March, 1718, which said deed of lease & release, was laid out by "beginning at a white oak stump, as per the (following) plat, at the letter E, being "the corner claimed by the deft. to the P. land, and laid it out agreeable to the D. "deed according to the dotted lines E, F, G, H, E, which includes an area of 830 "acres, and in running the line E, F, passed near an ancient marked line tree. "The line E, I, is the full course (and distance in Kay's inclosing patent, but "does not reach the point K, by 38 poles, which naturally appears to be the "point described in said patent for the beginning —



Explanation —
ABCDA are the lines of Catlett's patent —
EFGHE are the lines of the grant from Kay to Turner & Ferguson, churchwardens —
EI is the course & distance in Kay's inclosing patent for the wh: oak stump at E.
KE is the [illegible] in Kay's patent for a point of land on the north side of the mouth of Omen creek at K, but the distance is 38 poles more than is called for in the patent & is the course in Forbes & Hairbird's patent —

The point of land on the north side of the mouth of Omen creek called for by both patents for a beginning is a round tree not sufficiently pointed to be ascertained with precision, the corner trees being gone —

By order of the district court of Fredericksburg in Oct. 1804, a survey was made by C. Smith, surveyor of King George county, on the 12th of April, 1805, of which the following is the plat —

— "began at an old oak stump near a marked pine at the letter A on Omen "creek and on the north side of the main branch thereof, said to be the place "where Aaron Thornley commenced his survey in this caveat on the 22nd day of "July, 1802; and by direction of the demandant, (Gowen C. Tarleville), (who "produced a copy of a patent for 500 acres of land granted to John Catlett of "date the 2nd day of June, 1806) ran N. 65 E. 300 po: to B, thence S. 25 E. 264⅔ po:

to

"to C, then S. 65° W. 300 po: to D, in the field of Daniel & Mr. Cathy Fitzhugh, and "from thence N. 25° W. 266⅔ po: to the beginning — I also laid off the small figure "abE, and also another small figure, to wit, deifdg, which includes a small "old field outside of Mr. Turberville's ditch and wattle" — "In running the "line C.D. I passed three ancient marked trees — several other trees were "marked but appeared more recent, and the said line ran 94 po: into "the field of Daniel & Mr. Cathy Fitzhugh."

"E is a cedar at the corner of a fence noted by Daniel Davis in his deposition."

"Eia is a part of the line running nearly with a ditch & fence between the demandt. & tenant."

"a is at the demandts upper gate on the road leading to St. George Ct. House."

"ab is N. 14½ W. 15 po: along the road to St. Geo: Ct. House."

"bE runs thro' the tenants field, & is said to be the place where the road formerly ran."

"P is the pine tree noted in the deposition of Joseph Clift."

"de is on or near an old ditch on the edge of the woods."

"ch is also a ditch."

"h2 has the appearance of a hedge row, or where a fence formerly stood."

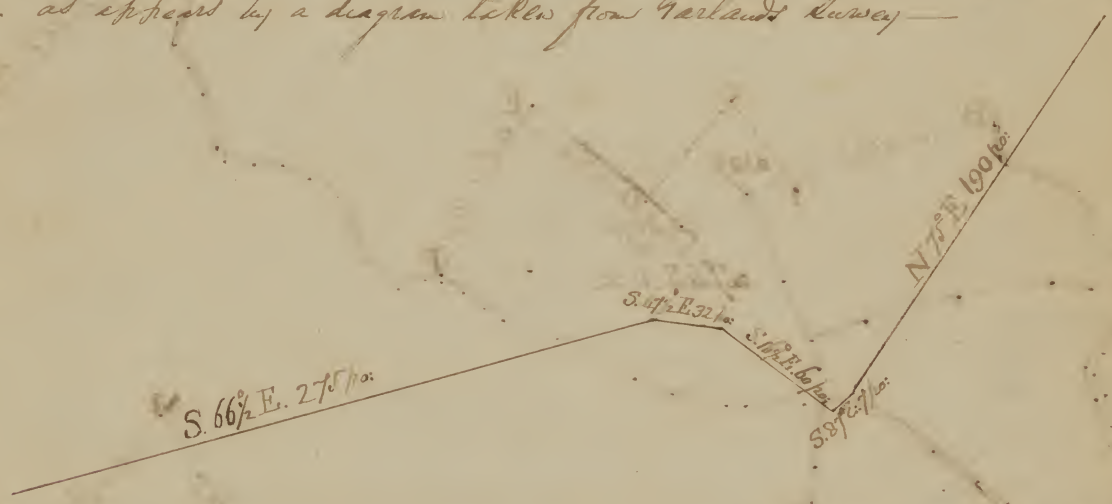
"3 is the place said by Moses Marders to be where a Beall post stood."

"4 is a place on the demandants ditch & wattle where Asa Thomley carried in "running the lower line of Kay's patent" — the "line KL being Kay's line respected."

"2g is the ditch & wattle of the demandant."

From 1802 to 1806, a controversy existed between John Shirkey & John Taylor in relation to the lines which separated the Mount Vernon & the Farmers & the Hop Yard tracts of land. On the 13th of June 1806

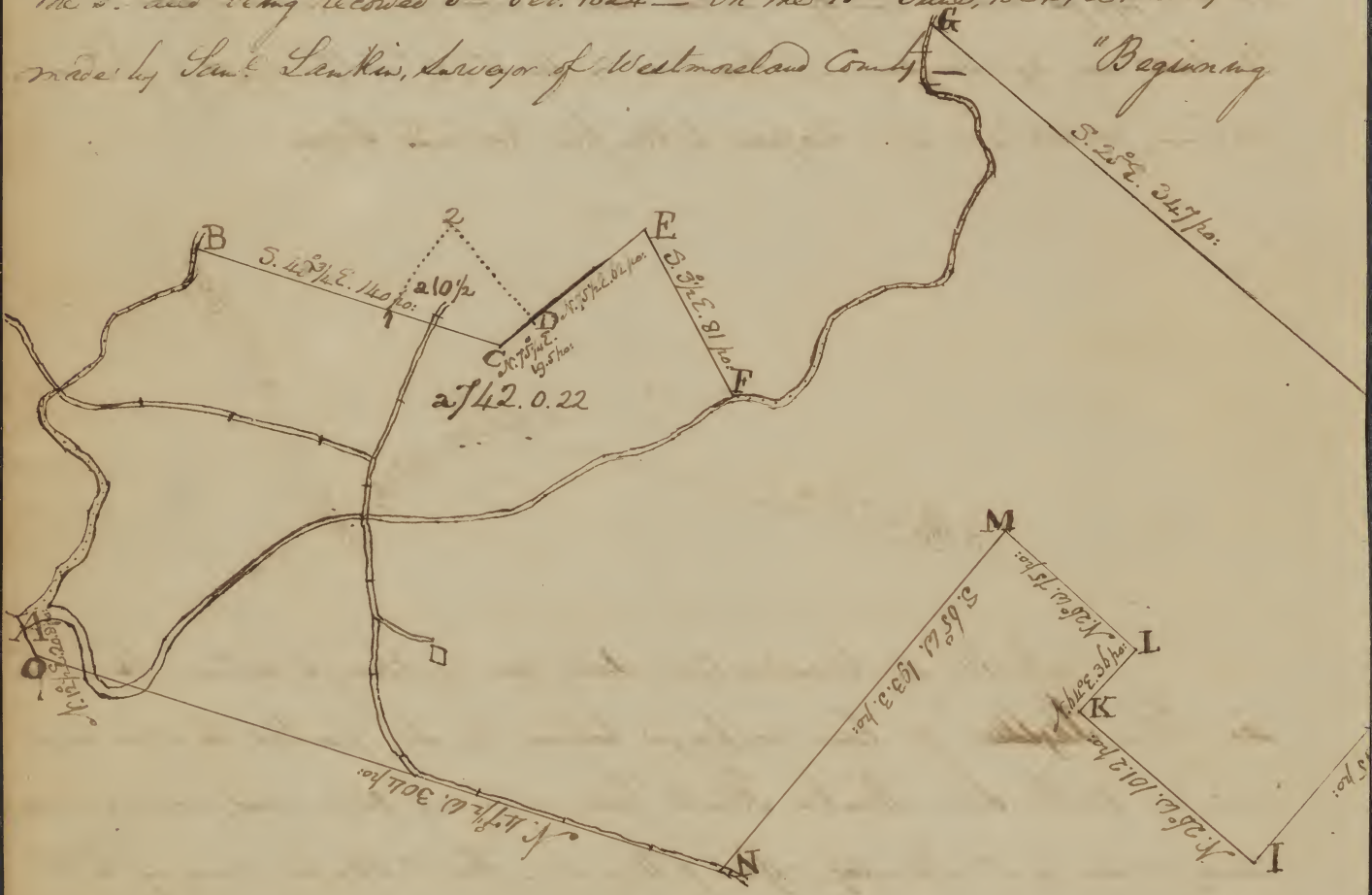
1806, the parties entered into bonds to abide by the decision of the Surveyor of the county, Caleb Smith: Accordingly, on the 14th June, 1806, they signed an agreement, duly witnessed and recorded, declaring "the true boundary division "between their respective tracts aforesaid as follows, viz: Beginning at a forked "gum, marked as the corner of said Skinker & Taylor near Fewell's field running "thence with a line of marked trees S. 66½° E. 275 po: thence S. 47½° E. 32 po: to a "stake in said Taylor's field — thence S. 16½° E. 60 po: to another stake in Taylor's "field — thence N. 87° E. 7 poles to a large sweet gum near Skinker's gate — thence "N. 75° E. 190 po: with a line of marked trees to Hays's old line, at a stake — being "the lines run by Benjamin N. Garland on the 15th, 16th, & 17th days of February "1802" — as appears by a diagram taken from Garland's Survey —



On the 14th of November, 1808, deeds were exchanged between the said Taylor and John Skinker for land exchanged between the two parties, the said Taylor selling to the said Skinker Fewell's field, containing 94¼ acres, according to a survey made by A. Thomley, copied p. 11. q. v. — the S.d Skinker conveying to the S.d Taylor a tract bounded by the following lands — to wit, on the North, it is bounded by

"by the land that was lately Chas. M. C. Fitzhugh's, at present the state "Taylor's, on the South & East by the land of Gawen C. Turberville, on the West "by the said Taylor's Nof Yard land, (and supposed to contain 90 acres or "more"—

On the 11th November, 1823, the Nof. Yard Estate was enlarged by the purchase of the adjoining estate called the Logue, as pr. deed from Wm. F. Taliaferro (and Mary Willis, his wife, daughter (and only child of the late Gawen C. Turberville, at the price of $20 pr. acre, estimated to contain 118 acres the s.d deed being recorded 5th Feb: 1824— On the 15th June, 1824, a survey was made by Sam.l Lankin, Surveyor of Westmoreland County— "Beginning



"at A, a stake on Rappahannock River, on the edge of the sunken or flat land

"land on the West side of Omen creek, thence up the edge of the same with a "ditch the several meanders thereof to the new road leading to Fredericksburg, "thence following the ditch which crosses to the east side of Hay Swamp, and up "the several meanders of the same to B, near two poles above a white oak "corner to the land purchased of John Skinker, thence with that line, S. 48¾ E. "140 po: crossing a road to C, a stake in a field claimed by Mr. Taliaferro, thence "N. 75¼ E. 19.5 po: to D, a stake near a ditch and wattle, corner to the land "purchased of Mr. Fitzhugh, being the lower corner to the 26 acres obtained from "Gawen C. Turberville by suit in the Ct. C. of Fredericksburg, thence N. 75½ E. 62 po: "to E, a small white oak at the end of a ditch, corner to the estate of Dan'l "M. C. Fitzhugh, Esq., thence with the lines of that estate S. 3½ E. 81 po: to F, "a red oak on the West side of Dogue run (it being the line settled by a jury "in a suit Turberville vs Brown), thence up the several meanders of said "run, passing Fitzhugh's Old mill to G, a gum on the West side, thence with a line "of ancient marked trees S. 25° E. 347 po: to H, corner to said Fitzhugh in the "line of John Skinker's heirs, thence with Skinker's lines anciently marked S. "65° W. 125 po: to I, a white oak near Skinker's fence, thence N. 26° W. 101.2 po: to "K, an old dead white oak in a glade with three gums and a cedar now marked "around it, thence N. 64° E. 36 po: to two white oaks and a red oak at L, thence "N. 26° W., at 46 po: passe Fitzhugh's corner purchased of Skinker's heirs, "75 po: in all to M, a white oak, red oak & cedar marked around a locust post, "corner to the heirs of Dan'l M. C. Fitzhugh, thence with their lines & an ancient "line of marked trees, S. 65° W. 193.3 po: to N, a stone in the road leading

to

"to Fredericksburg, thence N. 47½ W. 304 po: to O, a gum on the east side of "Omen creek and on the side of Rappahannock River, thence N. 12½ E. 20.8 po: "across the marsh and creek to the beginning, containing an area of 742 a: "res and 22 poles" — "I was then requested by Mr. Talaferro to go to C, "the stake in the field, and return upon that line 52 po: to figure 1, the corner "of a ditch, thence with the ditch N. 64° E. 49 po: to 2, at another corner of "said ditch, near where an old gate formerly stood, thence S. 15° E. 55 po: to D, "which contains 10½ acres, making in all 752 acres, 2 roods and 22 poles"

This purchase enlarged the previous tract of 1586 acres, as per Garland's Survey, to 2328 acres. The 10½ acres, mentioned above, are embraced in Garland's Survey, to which Mr Talaferro had no title.

On the 4th of June, 1825, the Barry Tract, surveyed for 235 A. 2 R. 13 po: (238¾ A. by Garland's Survey) was sold to Wm Greenlaw at $5⅝ per acre — and on the 8th of June, was sold to John Arnold for $10½ per acre the adjoining tract — 93 A. 0 R. 13 P. as surveyed by Lamkin.

These sales reduced the Hopkins tract to 1999 A. 1 R. 36 P.

By the death of John Taylor on the 29th of February, 1828, this tract, by his will descended to his third surviving son, Edward Thornton Taylor.

In 1832, an equal exchange of land was made with John Threshly to straighten the lines of the Hopkins & Moore & Weir tracts. The gum, corner to the old Glebe tract, 114 poles from P on the line OP in Lamkin's survey of 1825, was made a corner, and a line then N 39½ W.

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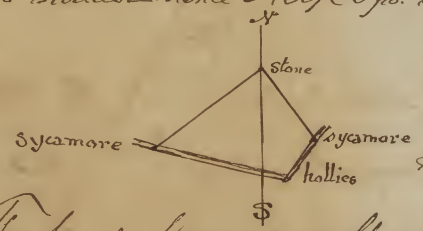
111 poles to a new corner made 114 poles from S on the line ST. N. Journal of 1832, p. 9.

On the 21st of March, 1832, to enlarge the area near the new Mill, then being built, and to ensure the title to the land, of which the bounds were not distinctly known, 2 roods and 15 poles were bought for $13.75 (at the rate of $20 per acre) of John Thomas Turner, then owner of the Pope Castle tract, bounded as follows; "Beginning at a stone near a peach tree (at the point of the hill S.W. of the miller's house), thence S. 53½ W 114 poles to a marked sycamore (on the S. side of run) — thence S. 4½ E 144 po: to two hollies — thence N 39 E 5 po: to a sycamore — thence N 35¼ W 9½ po: to the beginning".



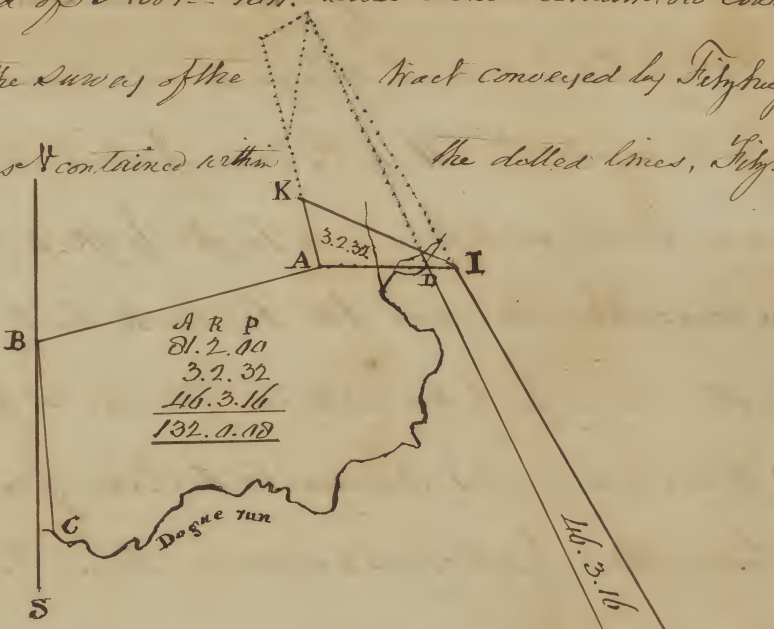
Survey of John Baker.

The tracts known as Marders' and Middletown (parts excepted as seen in the survey of John Baker) containing 132 acres, were bought of Francis Fitzhugh at $5 per acre, & conveyed by deed dated 12th of December, 1836. The Marders' Tract, estimated to contain 98 acres, was devised by William Rowley to his brother Moses Rowley for life, and thereafter to his sister, Ann Marders; and was conveyed as 100 acres for 80 pounds current money by them to John Marshall, March 8th 1787. By his will dated Dec. 5th 1793, it was directed to be sold. The mill which then existed upon the tract, was sold by Jesse Marshall, his widow & executrix for 15 pounds to Daniel McCarty, Fitzhugh, & conveyed by deed of the 26th of June, 1795. Subsequently, he bought the tract of 98 acres for 980

dollars.

dollars, as per deed of Nov 1st 1811. Said deeds contain no courses & distances.

Annexed is the survey of the tract conveyed by Fitzhugh to Taylor. Above the line KI, as contained within the dotted lines, Fitzhugh sold to John Arnold.



The survey is thus described in the deed, to which the letters are affixed, that it may be better understood "Beginning at a young red oak (K) in a patent line of the Hopkard Estate, S 13 p E 29 poles to a white oak (A), corner of said patent and a corner of the Marders' and Hopkard tracts, thence S 75 p W 129.8 po: to another corner of said tracts (B), thence S 41 3/4 E 81.5 po: to a bending marked gum (C) on the side of the Dogue run, corner to Marders' and the Dogue tracts, thence with the meanders of the Dogue run up to a marked gum on the North side of said run (D), thence S 25 E 336 po:, on the line of the Dogue tract, to a stake (H), corner to Middleton and Skinker's (and Dogue) tracts, thence N 60 1/4 E 34.2 po: to the corner (G) of Skinker's and Greenlaw's Yellow-Mill tracts, thence N 29 3/4 W 320 po:, on the line of Middleton and Greenlaw's Yellow Mill tracts to a point" (I). thence N 65 W 70 1/4 po: to the beginning —

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G
N77½ W 74:
Skinker's
Red oak
N10½ W 31:
F Glebe
N12½ E 104:
Skrine's Land.
S33¾ W 340:
E
170¾ acres.
N 5 E 60:
Diskin's
C
S65¼ W 16:
D
N 10 E 32:
B
H
Rappahannock River
Kay's Swamp
N 11 E 186 po
George Jones' land.
A

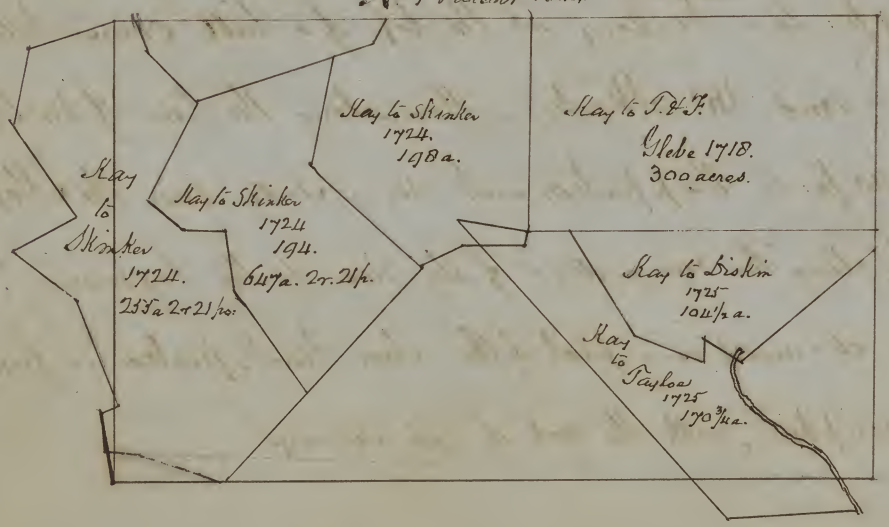
25

The first purchase made by John Taylor in the County of King George, appears to be a tract of 170¾ acres, conveyed to him by James Kay by deed dated 1 April, 1725, recorded in Deed Book marked "1721 to 1729", p. 375 – It is described thus, – "Beginning at a "point on the North side of Rappahannock River between Kay's "swamp and the Sugar Swamp, running thence according to the "meanders of Kay's Swamp along the land of George Jones' land, "which reduced to a strait line N 41 E 106 po: to a corner between the "said Jones and Mr. Diskins, then along Mr. Diskins' line N 6 E "cross the swamp 32 poles to a corner; thence S 65½ W 16 po: to a "corner near the mouth of a branch, then N 5 E up the branch "60 po: to a marked hickory, then N 42½ E 104 po: to a scrubby oak "corner between said Diskins and the glebe land, then along the "glebe land N 10½ W 38 po: to a red oak corner of the glebe, then "N 17½ W 74 po: to a hickory at the top of a hill corner between "Mr. Skrine and Mr. Skinker – then along the line of Mr. Skrine "S 33¾ W 340 po: to Rappahannock River side near the Mop yard – "thence S. E. along the meanders of the river to the beginning."

Annexed is a plat of the above tract, protracted from the foregoing description, with the aid of old surveys –

On the 20th April, 1726, James Ray conveyed by deed to John Taylor Forty two acres and a half, "beginning at a white oak, "a corner tree of Charles Stuart's land, extending thence along the "head line of the said Stuart's land, along the head line of Captain "Dinwiddie's S by E 102 perches to a hickory standing in Capt. Mathews' "line, thence along the said line N 61½ W 170 poles to a large red oak, "thence E by N 132 po: to the beginning" – Deed Book 1721 to 1729 p. 384.

No 1 Patent 1664 – 1680 acres.



	Poi	Link	L.	N	S	E	W	EDS	WDS	Mult.	N. Areas
N 87 E	25.	6.25	.32		.84			20.11			
N 68 E	3.50	.87	.33		.76			6.60		6.60 E	2.1780
N 50 E	13	3.25	2.09		2.27			3.43		9.63 "	20.1267
N 87 E	7	1.75	.09		1.64			3.91		13.54 "	1.2186
N 51 E	242.	60	.38		.43			2.07		15.61 "	5.9318
N 29 E	1440	360	3.14		1.51			1.94		17.55 "	55.1070
N 33 E	12.	3.	1.72		2.27			3.78		21.33 "	36.6876
N 22 E	3.	.75	.69		.25			2.32		23.85 "	16.4565
N 18 W	7	1.75	1.66			.65			.40	23.45 "	38.9270
N 4 E	14.60	2.65	2.64		.02				.63	22.82 "	60.2448
N 15 W	8	2	1.90			.75			.73	22.09 "	41.9710
N 29 E	12.80	3.20	2.79		1.33			.58		22.67 "	63.2493
N 60 E	5.90	1.47	.73		1.18			2.57		25.18 "	18.3814
										27.45 "	
S 65 E	5.24	1.31		.55	1.09			2.27		33.47 "	64.2624
N 70 E	22.50	5.62	4.92		4.93			6.02		41.65 "	149.9440
N 34 E	14	3.50	.36		3.25			8.18		48.12 "	68.8116
N 67½ E	15	3.75	1.43		3.22			6.47		53.03 "	68.9390
N 34½ E	9	2.25	1.30		1.69			4.91		54.69 "	146.5692
N 3 E	10.70	2.69	2.68			.43		1.66		55.11 "	9.9198
N 69 E (200 lks)	2	.50	.18		.45			.42		56.61 "	444.3885
N 11¼ E	32	8	7.85		1.05			1.50		53.77 "	
S 65½ W	16	4		1.66		3.89			2.84	50.23 "	751.4408
N 5 E	60	15	14.96		.35				3.54	66.49 "	1276.6080
N 42½ E	104	26	19.20		15.91			16.26		80.49 "	614.1387
N 10½ W	31	7.75	7.63			1.91		14.00		74.75 "	1465.1000
N 9½ W	79	19.75	19.60			3.83			5.74	18.27 "	
S 33¾ W	340	85.		76.48		32.65			56.48	20.11 W	460.5190
S 35 E	112	28.		22.90	14.27				38.38		5746.1707
											1370.0253
											4352.1454
											217.5727
											28.2908
											35.16320

a. R. P.
217. 2. 33.

26

S. areas.

Content of land purchased of James Kay by John Taylor, 1 April 1725 — purporting to be 170 3/4 acres. as described in deed & as laid down in old Surveys, the content is as below, 201 1/4 acres — but surveyed by courses and distances according to Kay's rom in 1838, with courses &c as in deed, the content is 217 1/2 acres, as for first calculation ——

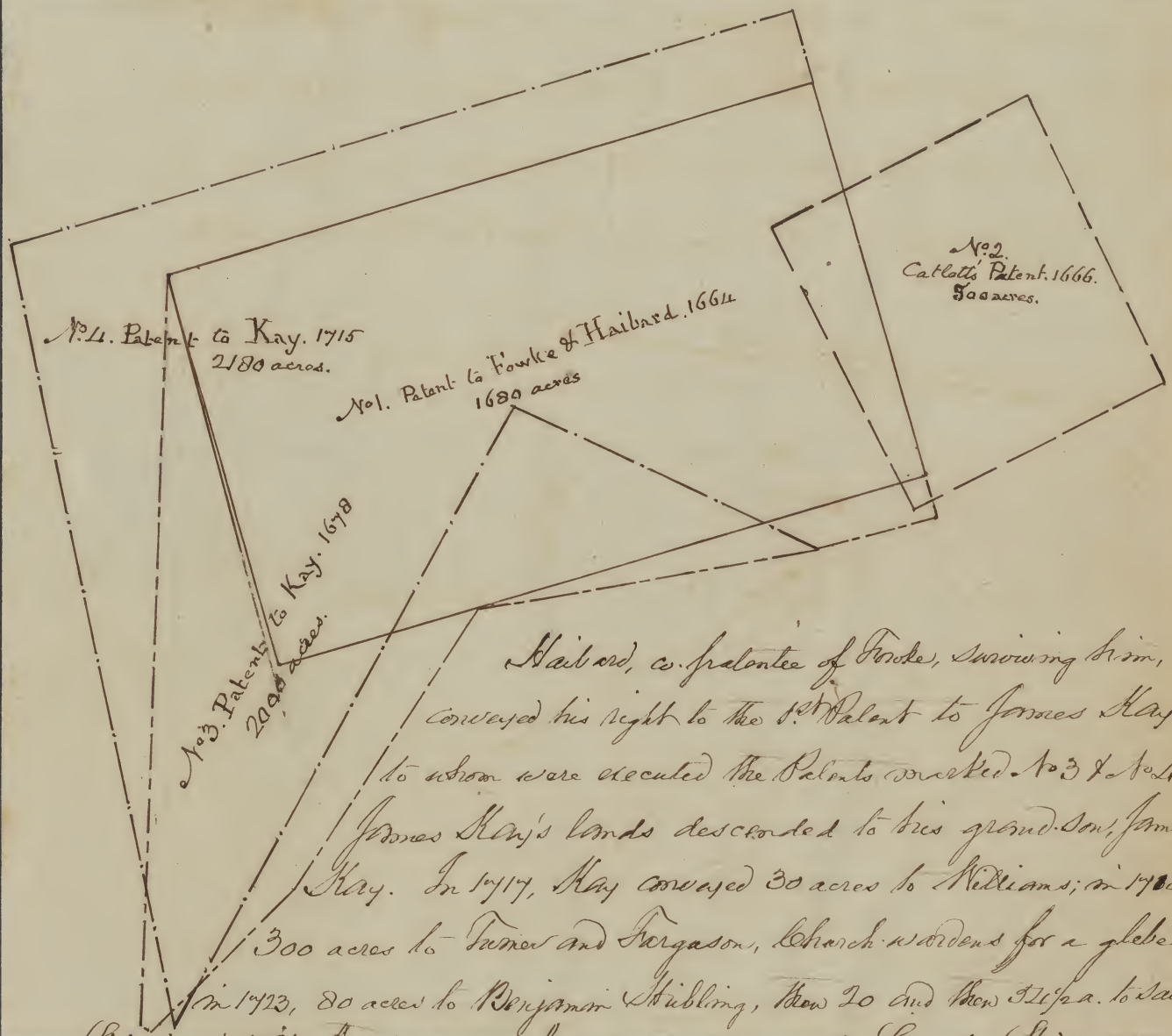
15.0975

		Po.									
	N 44 E	186	46 1/2	33.35		28.15		42.79			
	N 11 1/4 E	32	8	7.55		1.16	~~3.84~~	29.31		29.31 E	221.2905
89.2582	S 65 1/2 W	16	4		1.81		3.84		2.48	26.63 "	48.2003
	N 5 E	60	15	14.38		.54			3.30	23.33 "	335.4854
	N 42 1/2 E	104	26	18.20		16.24		16.78		40.11 "	730.0020
	N 10 1/2 W	31	7 3/4	7.33			1.80	14.44		54.55 "	399.8515
	N 7 1/2 W	79	19 3/4	18.84			3.58		5.38	49.17 "	926.3628
1284.6696	S 33 3/4 W	340	85		73.85		57.51		55.09	5.96 W	137.1920
	S 35 E	112	28		23.99	14.64			36.87	12.79 "	1026.5321
1342.0253						A.	R.	P.			4076.7163
						201.	1.	28.			48.2003
											4028.5160
											2014.2580
											170320
											28.12800

Po.	N	S	E	W	EDD	WDD	Mult.		
N41E 172* 43 31.28		26.70			41.77				
N11¼E 32 8 7.63		1.28			27.98		27.98E	213.4874	
S65½W 16 4		1.76		3.78		2.50	25.48"		44.8448
N1W* 60 15 14.59				.78		4.56	20.92"	305.2928	
N42½E 104 26 18.47		16.66			15.88		36.80"	679.6960	
N10½W 31 7¾ 7.41				1.68	14.98		51.78"	383.6898	
N7½W 79 19¾ 19.05				3.26		4.94	46.84"	892.3020	
S33¾W 340 85		72.97		56.21		53.47	6.63W	483.7911	
S35E 112 28		23.70	15.07			35.14	41.77"	989.9490	
						195 acres.		3948.1381	
								44.8448	
								3903.2933	
								195 1.6466	

*2d calculation on foregoing page corrected by Garlond's Survey of 1757, presumed to be more accurate – the course S35E cannot be correct as the river shore wd make at least two courses.

About one half of the Mopsard Plantation is embraced in the Patent of 1664. The larger part of the Pague Tract is in Catlett's Patent. These Patents appear to have been according to the annexed form.



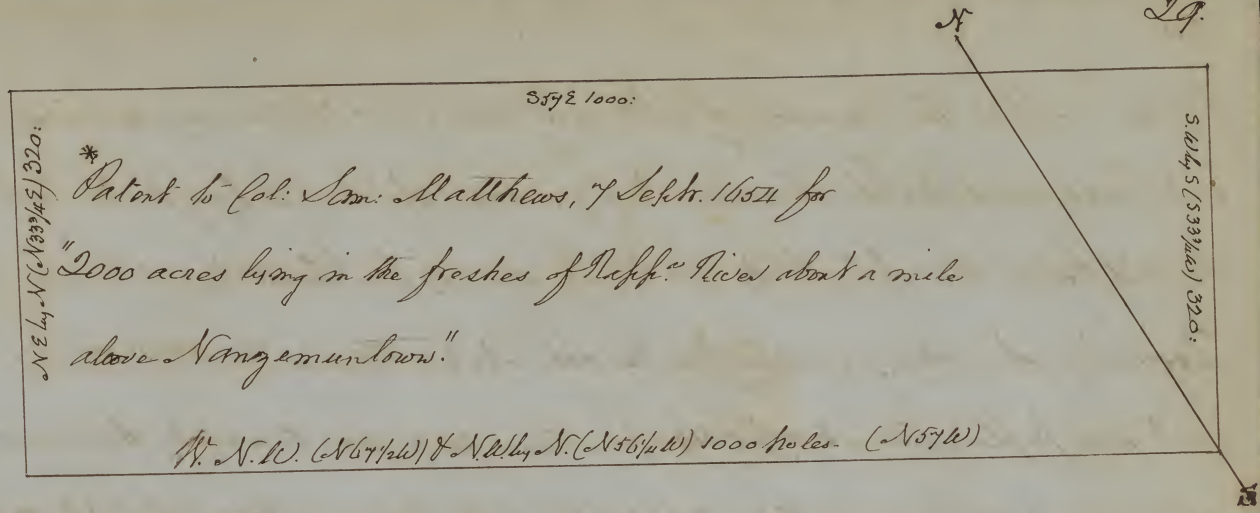
Hairbard, co-patentee of Fowke, surviving him, conveyed his right to the 1st Patent to James Kay, to whom were executed the Patents marked No. 3 & No. 4. James Kay's lands descended to his grand-son, James Kay. In 1717, Kay conveyed 30 acres to Williams; in 1718, 300 acres to Turner and Ferguson, Church wardens for a glebe; in 1723, 80 acres to Benjamin Stribling, then 20 and then 54½ p.a. to said Stribling in 1724, the same year, he granted 198 acres to Samuel Slinker, then 253 a. 2 r. 21 po: to said Slinker; in 1725, 1470¾ a. to Col: John Taylor, and 104½ p.a. to John Biskin; in 1726, 42½ p.a. (as drawn on preceding page) to Col. Taylor; and in 1730, 27¼ a. to said Slinker. In same year, Biskin sold to Slinker his tract of 104½ p.a.

On the 3d of December, 1730, Baldwin Matthews conveyed to John Crawford

400

400 (part of 2000 acres granted to Lt. Col. Samuel Matthews by Patent of Septr. 1654)* "beginning at a place commonly called or known by the name of the Hoop Yard upon Rappahannock River side at the dividing line between this land & a certain parcel of land now in possession of Col. John Taylor, extending thence up the river to Skinner's Mill creek — thence along the several meanders of the said creek and the most Northern branch thereof to the back line of the said tract of 2000 acres of land whereof the said 400 acres is part as aforesaid — thence along the said back line to the land of Col. John Taylor before-mentioned — thence along the said Taylor's line to the beginning.

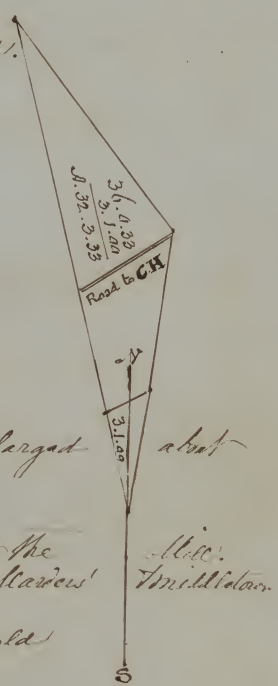
On the 30th of Sept. 1731, Dinwiddie's Executors granted to John Taylor 99 acres, which had been conveyed to John Dinwiddie, Nov 30, 1721, by James Hay.



* Patent to Col: Sam: Matthews, 7 Septr. 1651 for "2000 acres lying in the freshes of Rappa: River about a mile above Nangemunlown."

V p24. After the purchase of Marders' and Middletown, as described, a sale was made to John Arnold at $7 per acre of 36 acres lying to the East of the old Patent line of the State Tract. The survey by John Baker describes it "Beginning at a chery (24.8 po: from the oak at A), thence N 14 W 233.5 poles to an oak and poplar, thence S 37 1/2 E 119.5 po:, thence S 5 W 78 po: to a stake between a walnut and white oak, thence S 10 W 56 po: to the beginning. Area 36 A. 1 R. 13 P." Three & a quarter acres were deducted, being embraced, according to Baker's Survey of Marders' tract, in the part sold by Pitzhugh to Arnold.

4 po: ch:	N	S	E	W	East	add	Direct	N. acres	S. acres
N 14 W 58.37	56.48			14.09		16.57			
S 37 1/2 E 29.87		23.13	18.20		4.11		4.11 E		97.1193
S. 5 W 19.5		19.39		1.69	16.51		20.62 "		399.8218
S. 10 W 14.		13.76		2.42		4.11	16.51 "		227.1776
				A. R. P.					724.1187
				36. 0. 33					36.2.0593
				3. 1.					0.82372
				A. 32. 3. 33					33.96880



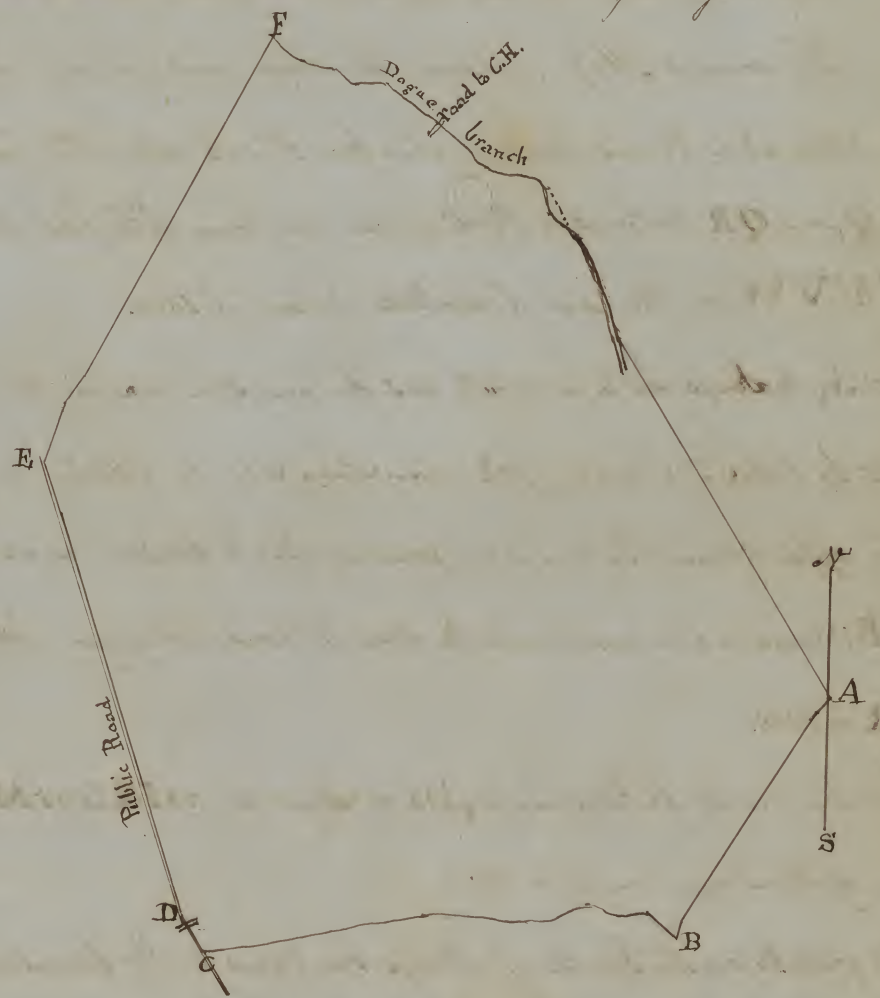
The Hopkins tract of 1999 A 1 R. 36 P. (V. p22) has been enlarged about 100 acres by the fore-mentioned changes — thus

	A	R.	P.
	1999.	1.	36
		2.	15 purchase at the
	132.	0.	00 " of Marders'
	2132.	0.	11
	32.	3.	33 sale to Arnold
Acres	2099.	0.	18

On the 9th of March, 1850, a purchase was made at public sale, for $2200, of a tract near the Court House, sold by the Exors of Abraham John son to W. B. Brooke in 1848, and now sold under a deed of trust. By Jno: Baker's Survey, appended to the deed to Brooke, it contains 4.75 A. 1 R. 10 P., and bounded as follows — Beginning at A, corner to Mary Rogers, thence S. 31 W 115.3 poles

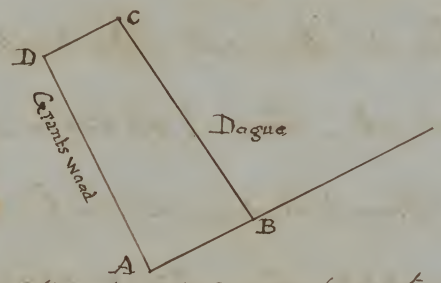
thence

thence S 12 W 7.3 po: to B, corner to Lee, Rogers, & Edwards — thence by line with Lee, by a marked oak, to C, at the main road from Fort Conway to Court House — thence N 32¾ W 14 po: to D, a white oak on East side of road — thence with road N 18 W 145.4 po: — thence N 19 W 23 po: to E, corner with Greenlaw, a red oak, — thence N 15 p E 26 po: — thence N 33¼ E 111 po: — thence N 25 E 160.5 po: line with Brooks (formerly Underwood's), to F, a ditch, corner of Hunter — thence with branch to G, stake on ditch — thence S 33 E 144 po: to the beginning —



In March, 1858, Twenty Seven Acres, one rood, and thirty-three poles of land in the Dogue Woods adjoining Bramlswood, were sold to John Arnold at $20 pr acre. The courses and distances are the following — From white oak, corner

of the Dogue and Bramtswood S 65 (E) 288 poles to Porter's corner — thence S 32 1/4 E 102 po: to corner of Dogue and Bramtswood — thence N 65 1/2 (W) 268 po: to another corner — thence N 25 1/2 (E) 102 po: to the beginning.



This sale has reduced the Wofford and Dogue tracts to A. 207. 3 R. 25 P.

The annexed Map explains the origin and various changes of the Powhatan Estate. The letters A to P, and the river shore from P to A show the boundaries in 1858.

E Q, and QR continued to the Dogue run are lines of the first Patent of 1664.

TUVW are the lines of Leatherbs' Patent of 1666.

abcdefg, the Kay's run to its mouth and the river shore to a are the lines of the first purchase in 1725 by Col. Jno. Taylor — 170 3/4 acres — Kay's sale to Blinker in Jany. 1724, embraced a part of the upper corner. The lines were fixed by Wm. N. Garland, as seen on page 19. V p 25.

A Biklmno and the mill run to A show the land exchanged with Blinker for Dikins tract cde fghR in 1808.

From the mouth of Kay's run to gh 12 up Dogue run to 3 IKL 4 5 MNOP to the beginning are the lines of the Dogue bought in 1824.

E s p q r s t u E are the bounds of Berry's tract sold to Wm. Greenlaw —

E u t s v w E contain the land sold to Jno. Arnold.

CD is the selected line between Mount Vieu & the Powhatan Estate in lieu of DS 6 7 8 C.

F Q 1 2 up Dogue run to 3 I H G 3 F are bounds of Masders' and Middletown tracts bot

P.

1830 December 16th Thursday – Married at Bellair, Prince George's County, Maryland, by the Revd Dr Wm Hawley, Rector of St John's church, Washington, to Mary – 5th daughter & 9th child of Benjamin Ogle Esq –

22d left Bellair, & spent the day & night at Mr John Hodges', near Marlborough

24th spent last night at Charlotte Hall – yesterday was severely cold, roads hard as a pavement – came to-day to Tudor Hall, residence of Leonard Coxon of St. G. S. Key –

1831. January 3 – spent ten days delightfully, enjoying the cordial hospitality of Tudor Hall – the cold weather relaxed, & the roads became soft – left Leonardtown this morning for Saulder's ferry, where we crossed the Potomac to Mr Abram Hoxe's – Rameshield. We arrived before dusk & spend the night here –

1831. Journal &c.

Jan: 4th Tuesday — Arrived at home with Mrs. T. and Nancy — it began to rain early this evening.

" 5th — rained all day.

" 6th — gave out to Bill 23 lbs. Sean twine — fine day — hauling in cow from pasture field — roads extremely heavy — went to Coal Roads — no coal —

" 7th — fine day — ground too soft for hauling coal — ploughing at Mr. Gard & Hogue — light sled in fine order — killed a beef —

" 8th — cloudy, unpromising weather — 3 ploughs running at M — 2 at D — carpenters, having finished repairing quarter House, went into the mill woods to get out timber for wheel machine —

" 9th — rained all day —

" 10th — began snowing this morning — & continued all day —

" 11th — snow between 2 & 3 in. deep — mild weather —

" 12th — mild — measuring coal at D. yesterday & to-day.

" 13th — last night was very cold — Ther. at 7 A.M. was 22° — all hands hauling in coal from the pond —

" 14th — began to snow at 9 A.M. & continued throughout the day

day. We went to Waldingham to dinner—

13th — Snowed all last night & to-day accompanied with high wind—

14th — Snow very deep in drifts — roads very slippery—

15th — wind high — cold was intense — sleighed with difficulty thro' the deep snow drifts — roads almost impassable on horseback.

16th — snowed an hour or two this morning — left Waldingham on horseback — and reached Pshaten with great difficulty — neither carriages nor sleighs can travel — Therm. 22° at 9 P.M. — ink & sweet oil frozen — all hands cutting and hauling wood — gave Bill 23 lbs twine —

19th fine day — returned to Waldingham —

20th delightful, mild weather — Charles brought us home in his sleigh — began to fill my ice house — ice about 8½ inches thick — thawed a good deal to-day — Thaw deep across from Warrington —

21st. Snowed moderately all day — getting ice —

22nd. cold unsettled weather — getting ice —

23rd fine, clear, but very cold day — Therm. 22° at 9 A.M.

24th intensely cold this morning — at Daylight the

Therm.

1831 The m. was 16°. — very in the meal house 124 hams & shoulders
37 middlings —
30 jowls — 211 pieces —

of hogs killed before Xmas — 31 in number, weighing as follows, viz:

217	130	105	100	91	85	72	66
212	190	102	97	89	81	70	63
156	111	102	93	86	80	70	60
155	107	101	93	86	77	70	

31) 3275 / 105⅔ lbs average weight —

On Saturday finished measuring corn at Cooper — cribs measured to 309 barrels — cutting wood & preparing to kill hogs —

Jan: 25th — killed 5 hogs at the Cooper, weighing as follows, viz:

132	102	99	90	81
120	102	93	88	

885 / 98⅓ lbs. average weight — clear cold weather. —

26th very cold morng. Ther. 16° at 9 o'clk. — day cloudy & clear alternately — killed 14 hogs at Mrs Ward weighing as follows, viz:

120	81	79	77	71	69	50
98	80	78	75	71	66	50

1065 — 76 lbs average wt —

whole number killed 54 — total weight 5225 — average 97 nearly — counted 93 sheep and 29 lambs —

27th yesterday was clear and mild — today is cloudy & raw — hauling corn from pasture field on both days —

28th about an inch of snow fell last night and to day — not able to get in corn.

31st Saturday was mild & clear — this morning commenced with snow, which continued most now, & then changed to rain —

&c

it ceased raining soon after dark.

February 1.2.nd — fine clear days — getting in cow thawed —

" 3rd it has rained hard all day — wind S.E.

" 4th — clear & cold wind N.W. — counted 28 sheep & 22 lambs 1 sheep died last night, & 2 are missing — 5 lambs have died during the late extremely severe weather — getting in cow —

" 5th clear & extremely cold — thermr all day below the freezing point — hauling in cow —

" 6th Monday — Yesterday was very cold — today still and some snow falls — the mercury has not risen above 28° even at mid day — 1 lamb died last night — getting in cow —

" 7th yesterday was cloudy — today was clear — we have received from Dale 17 cwt. hay — making in all 63 cwt. getting cow on both days —

" 10th last night was intensely cold — finished getting in cow today — such a remarkable backward season in consequence of the uncommonly wet weather in October & November & until the middle of December, during some weeks could hardly manage to go above the wheat in that district almost to the sale — the distance from the harbour well to the farm adds to this delay — there were 90 sheep & 25 lambs this morning —

" 11th A most delightful day, with hr wind S.E. by morning,

1831

morning, I again got out — clearing the bank of the fishing shore — several very large trees have slided into the river and are now fast in the ice, which it is hoped will carry them off when it breaks up, otherwise the shore will be injured greatly —

Feb 14th Monday — the last three days have been clear & cold — On Saturday, had a fine sight of the annular eclipse — 11 digits were eclipsed — clearing at fishing shore & getting in house fire wood — Francis's grandaughter — was safely delivered of a girl last night — killed a fine mutton on Saturday —

16th — a thaw set in Monday night — yesterday was cloudy — and soon after dark it began to rain, & continued until noon to-day — the snow drifts are greatly reduced — the frost is nearly out of the ground — we could hardly at dinner yesterday, being Christmas Day —

17th — fine warm day — ice is breaking up in the river — the trees which have slided into it at the fishing shores are so fast, to be moved by the floating ice — getting cradle & gratter, out at all hands —

18th — mild, pleasant weather — yesterday the frost appeared to come down — in the evening, went to Lodge, & returned the evening — measuring corn yesterday & to-day — ground very wet, & roads

road very heavy — Tabiferro lane was still impassable from snow drifts — only 86 sheep — 2 milking — and 25 lambs —

February 27th — fine day — a calf was dropped on Saturday night — yesterday gave out to the hands 8 joints & 8 middlings — hung up to day in the smoke house: 56 hams & shoulders
27 middlings
20 joints — 103 pieces —

2 ploughs begun at each place this morning — ground is fine under a sheltered slope — wattling quarter lot —

"28th Tuesday — rained gently all day — measuring corn —

"29th cleared this morning — finished measuring corn. The crop of Yokelwood measured 709 bbls. deduct 18 bbls for shrinkage, it amounts to 751 bbls — the Dogue crop was 309 — total 1078 — meal 1060 —

Corn at Yokelwood			709 bbls
deduct for shrinkage		18	
" allowance to hands &c		315	
" " pen hogs & allowance		80	
" " weevils, rats &c		62. 3. 455 3.	
Corn for sale			313. 2.
Corn at Dogue		309 bbls	
deduct allowance to hands &c	115		
" " pen hogs	10		
" weevils, rats &c	25	150	159
Total for sale			472. 2.

1831

The amount does not come up to my expectations — but we planted in nothing so much after the unparalleled drought of the last summer, which destroyed, in many parts of Virginia & indeed of the U. States, much in the crop — At the Cottage, the home field was cultivated — the middle field & the pasture field at the Mt. Head — The following is a statement of corn made on this estate since 1819 —

Years —	corn made	allowance —	wasters, hard —	sold —	corn shipped —
1819 —	495 barrels	206 barrels.			
1820 —	808½ "	247 "	67⅘ barrels —	493 3/10	
1821 —	774 "	229 "			
1822 —	720 "	224 "	60 "	436	
1823 —	920 "	283 "			
1824 —	H. 776 } 1106 D. 330	254 } 334 " 80	92 1/10 "		766 3/5 "
1825 —	H. 640 } 910 D. 270	262 } 342 " 80			
1826 —	H. 620 } 815 D. 195	289 } 375 " 86	67 4/5 "		
1827 —	H. 820 } 1200 D. 380	260 } 346 " 86	100 "		
1828 —	H. 618 } 898 D. 280	305 } 396 " 91	74 "		431 —
1829 —	H. 926 } 1271 — D. 345	312 } 433 " 119	105 bbls. 4 lbs.	732	607 —
1830 —	H. 751 } 1060 — D. 309	375 } 500 " 125	88⅓ " —	472 —	300 + 160 + 270 = 730
1831 —	—	1036	420 "	86 3/10 "	529 7/10	563 —

Feb. 21st — fine day — repairing nutting of quarter lot — ploughing — no snow is seen except in the most sheltered places —

" 25th — fine weather — repairing road over the mill dam — four ploughs running at the Mt. Yard — two at the Cottage — in the house field at the former place and the adjoining field of the latter —

" 27th fine day — killed a mutton — the flocked is now reduced to 85 old sheep & 26 lambs, two of which were dropped last night

night – finished road on north-side – ploughing as yesterday but dinner with Mr Fitzhugh – thermo at midday 42°

Feb. 28th – Yesterday was so fine a day that we went to church at Lewis's creek – to day is equally fine – ploughing as on Saturday – mending hot-wattling near the landing – sowed two rows of early peas this afternoon – the two latest lambs died last night –

March 1st Tuesday – Spring opens most charmingly – ploughing and mending wattlings – Maria's child dies last night –

" 2nd fine, mild day, but the atmosphere as very hazy, with high wind from S.E. to W. – planted 4½ rows of potatoes – pruned grape vines – & planted 6 May-Duke cherry trees from Mr. Threadgill's – ploughing & quitting – we have scarcely any fire this evening –

" 3rd For the last three days, I have attended Court on the bench of Magistrates, having qualified as such on Thursday, 3rd instant – weather fine until to day, which is cloudy towards night, a little rain fell – Maria, carpenter Lewis' wife, is safely delivered of a son – planted beets and carrots – so warm as to require no fire even at night –

" 7th Monday – Yesterday it rained – this morning was cloudy & raw – about noon it began to rain – but cleared soon after dark

Inventory for 1831.

Carpenters	age
1. Hitt - miller	80
2. Joe	36
3. Lewis	41
4. Henry	20
5. Fox	14
6. Anthony - sup cupola	66
7. Hampton - wheelwright	59
Alec	
8. Moses	36.
Shoemaker	
9. Dick	27
House Servants	
10. Lin	25
11. Dorcas	18.
12. Sawyer - cook	15.
Old hands at Hopyard	
George - foreman	1. 62
Moses - blacksmith	2. 68
Prince	3. 43
Tommy	4. 54
George - carter	5. 35
Lewis - foreman of nights	6. 34
William - carter	7. 31
Dick	8. 29
Saunders - hay maker	9. 25
Ralph - slaughter	10. 25
Enoch	11. 21
George	12. 20
Charles	13. 17
Billy	14. 12
Henry	15. 15
Bob	16. 13

Blacksmith	age
1. Lee	34
2. Tom - striker	19.
Women at Hop-Yard	
Amy - milk woman	1. 72
Molly - cook	2. 53
Hannah - weaver	3. 20
Maria - spinner	4. 28
Grace - Co	5. 38
Flora - out hand	6. 53
Anny - Co	7. 53
Judy - Co	8. 45
Fany - Co	9. 29
Betty - Co	10. 31
Molly - Co	11. 24
Fanny - Co	12. 21
Nancy - Co	13. 17
Maria - Co	14. 17
Winnie - spinner	15. 46
Lucy - Co	16. 60
Children at Hop-Yard	
Manuals 2.	
John	1. 3
Joe	2. 1
Dorcas 1.	
Molly	3. 2
Grace 1.	
Isabella	4. 1
Mary 2.	
Isaac	5. 10
Lucy	6. 2 half
Rosa - **Polly 5**	
Rice	7. 11
Rachel	8. 7
Mary	9. 6
Winny	10. 4

Polly

Betty	11.		age 1 yr.
Billy's grandchildren 3.			
Peter	12.	8	
Tom	13.	4	
Moses	14.	1	
Cooley's 1.			
Jerry	15.	3	
Fanny's 1.			
Robert	16.	1	

Joque Freeman—

Men

Harry	1.	54
Jim	2.	30
Simon	3.	25
Barnaby	4.	20

Women

Phillis	1.	60
Becky	2.	30
Nancy	3.	22
Fanny cook	4.	20

Children—

Becky's 3.

Frederick	1.	10
Charlotte	2.	8
Meredith	3.	6
Eliza	4.	4
Israel	5.	2

Nancy's

Edward	6.	3
Sarah-Ann	7.	1

Fanny's 1.

			age
Lewis	8.		1 yr.

Recapitulation—

Carpenters	7	
Jobber	1	
Blacksmiths	1	
Male servants	3	
Blacksmiths	2	
male crop-hands 14	18	
do do at 3.	4	34
Women at Hospital	16	
do " Joque	4	20
Children at Hospital	16	
do " Joque	8	24
Total		78

Mules, cattle &c on the Hosp. Yard Farm—

Carriage horses	2.		8 yrs.
Saddle horse, mag mare	1		8
do - Red face	1		3
Sap-mare Flint	1		3
Filly Mole	1	6	2
Brood-mare	1	7	old
4 mules	4		old
6 do	6	10	5 & 2
work-oxen		14	
fat-cattle		24	
hogs		107	
sheep		93	
wagons		1	
tumbrel		1	

ox-carts

Counting=House Almanac

FOR

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being the Third after Bissextile, or Leap-Year, and the Fifty-fifth of American Independence.

	Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.	SUN rises	SUN sets.	Saturdays
JANUARY							1	7	16	4 44
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	7	13	4 47
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	7	9	4 51
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	7	3	4 57
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	6	57	5 3
	30	31								
FEBRUARY			1	2	3	4	5	6	50	5 10
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6	43	5 17
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	6	35	5 25
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	6	27	5 33
	27	28								
MARCH			1	2	3	4	5	6	19	5 41
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6	10	5 50
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	6	2	5 58
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	5	53	6 7
	27	28	29	30	31					
APRIL						1	2	5	45	6 15
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	5	36	6 24
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	5	29	6 31
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	5	21	6 39
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	5	14	6 46
MAY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	5	7	6 53
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	0	7 0
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	4	55	7 5
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	4	49	7 11
	29	30	31							
JUNE				1	2	3	4	4	45	7 15
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	4	43	7 17
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	4	42	7 18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	4	42	7 18
	26	27	28	29	30					
JULY						1	2	4	44	7 16
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	4	47	7 13
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	4	51	7 19
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	4	56	7 4
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	5	1	6 59
	31									
AUGUST		1	2	3	4	5	6	5	7	6 53
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	14	6 46
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	5	21	6 39
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	5	29	6 31
	28	29	30	31						
SEPTEMBER					1	2	3	5	36	6 24
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	5	45	6 15
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	5	53	6 7
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	6	1	5 59
	25	26	27	28	29	30				
OCTOBER							1	6	10	5 50
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	18	5 42
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	6	27	5 33
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	6	44	5 26
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	6	42	5 18
	30	31								
NOVEMBER			1	2	3	4	5	6	50	5 10
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6	57	5 3
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	7	3	4 57
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	7	8	4 52
	27	28	29	30						
DECEMBER					1	2	3	7	13	4 47
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	16	4 44
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	7	18	4 42
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	7	18	4 42
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	7	17	4 43

IN CHANCERY.—At a Court of C
sions continued and held for Louisa c
Court House, on Wednesday, Nove
1830; Walker Timberlake & Co. J
administrator of Wm. W. Gilbert, A
per, Isham Desper, and John Sergeant,

AGAINST

Overton Desper, Isham Desper, and T
Poindexter, appointee of the estate
Desper, dec. defendants.

The defendant, Overton Desper, not
tered his appearance and given security
to law, and the rules of this Court, and it a
to the satisfaction of the Court, that he is
habitant of this State—on the motion of t
tiffs' by their counsel, it is ordered that
Overton Desper, do appear here on the
February Court, next, and answer the
plaintiff's, and that a copy of this order
inserted in the "Political Arena," a newspa
lished in the town of Fredericksburg, for tw
successively, and posted at the front do
Court House of this county, on some cou

A Copy teste,

JOHN HUNTER

Mr. Overton Desper,

SIR: As you are
inhabitant of the State, you will be pleased
notice, that I shall, on Monday, the third da
nuary, 1831, at the store of Nathaniel Perki
county of Louisa, between the hours of 10
in the forenoon, and sunset, take the deposi
Thomas Poindexter, to be read as evidence i
in Chancery, now depending in the county
Louisa wherein I and others are plaintiffs," a
and Nicholas J. Poindexter, appointee of the
of Thomas Desper, are defendants.

Yours, Respectfully,

AUSTIN DES

November 19th, 1830—2m.

SADDLES, BRIDLES, &
Archibald Hart,

Has just received an assortment of Baltimore
SADDLES & BRIDLES—Also:

BEST English double and single rimed B
leathers.

Best English and American made Martin
and Collars.

Brass, Plated, Silver Plated and Polished
Bridle Bitts and Stirrup Irons, all for sale at ver
pricas.

oct. 26, 18

Notice.

A Petition will be presented to the next
lature for an act of incorporation, for a
pany, to convey the water from the Poplar S
to and through the Town of Fredericksburg
its vicinity.

November 9.

CHEAP-SIDE,
NO. 2,

JUST RECEIVED, this day, per Steam
Rappahannock, and now opening, an addit
supply of *Dry Goods*, which we intend to offer
cheap.

F. & G. W. STROTHE

November 26.

Notice.

A PETITION will be presented to the ne
gislature of Virginia, praying an Act for t
corporation of the Bowling Green, Caroline C
(oct. 29—1m.)

ox carts	2
ox chains	4
yoke chains	7
ploughs	18
do gear	12
cultivators	4
iron rake	1
wooden do	2
weeding hoes	10
pitching do	8
spades	1
shovels	4
mattocks	2
axes	7
wedges sets	2
wheat fans	2
cradles	12
blades to do	26

Horses, mules & c. &c.

Recapitulation.

horse	1
mules	5
hogs	34
ox-cart	1
ploughs	7
do gear sets	5
cultivators	2
iron rake	1
wooden do	1
weeding hoes	5
pitching do	5
axes	5

Horses	7
mules	13
cattle	40
hogs	141
sheep	93
ox carts	3
ploughs	25
do gear sets	17
cultivators	5
iron rakes	2
wooden do	3
weeding hoes	15
pitch do	11
axes	12

Births in 1831 —

Maria Fanny's daughter of a mulatto Feb. 13 —
Maria — Lewis' wife — of a son Mar. 5th —
Nancy — of a daughter May 26th —
Becky — of a girl — Oct. 7th —
Fanny — do — do — Dec. 23 —

Deaths —

Maria's infant child, Feb. 28
Robert Fanny's child — Mar 7 — of teething —
Maria infant child — Mar. 13 — of fits —
George aged 20 and 18th April — of pleurisy —
Moses — very old — Dec. 4 — of scrofula —
Hill — very old — Dec. 7th — of palsy & asthma —

dark — 4 ploughs running at N. & 2 at Lagan — quilting & dotching — 1 sheep missing — 84 old sheep & 28 lambs —

March 21st. Monday — On the 8th inst., we went to Maywood, & on the 10th & 11th day — returned home this evening — during my absence, Mr James shipped on board the "Eleanor" 300 bbls of my Dale corn — and 10½ bbls seed corn for Wm. H. T. — Mr Garner came to work upon my farm on Friday last 18th — On Sunday 20th Maria infant child died of fits — There has been much cold weather within the last fortnight — ice formed several times — peas just coming up — ploughing in meadow "Hay's run" — fine day —

" 22nd — white frost this morng killed a number — one sheep missing — 82 old sheep & 28 lambs — planted peach trees from the dairy in the garden & an English walnut —

" 23rd windy and mild — sowed lettuce, parsley, celery, and cabbage seeds — cloudy evening —

" 24th — light showers fell on the nights of the 23rd & 24th — ground very dry — finished quilting corn fields yesterday — & ploughing the meadows — the stone & brush cut remain to be ploughed — Doctor Oldham visited plough at George yesterday & to-day — he is in ill health — sowed oats in the in-front meadow & the quarter lots — sowed 2 acres early peas —

March

1831. March 28th Monday — fine rain fell before day break yesterday — attended service at Lambs Creek church — gave to the out hands 16 pieces of bacon & 3 of beef — 2 old sheep missing — flock reduced to 80 old sheep & 30 lambs — began hauling the seine to-day, but caught few fish — sowing oats on near bank of middle field — planted early corn & onions & hops — Grange is better — the Doctor attended him yesterday & to-day — cloudy & showery to-day — raining hard early in the evening —

29th rained very heavily last night — & this was too a raw, drizzling, disagreeable day — a sheep died, having been lost apparently by dogs — Sold 5 wethers for £2. 12s. to the Steyler, a butcher for Fredericksburg, leaving 78 old sheep —

30th very heavy rain last night & this morning until about 10 — in the evening finished the oats, having sown 10 bushels — Grange — .

31st high wind all day from the North — ploughing in the orchard — men are finishing stalks — a steady drive of farming, but we can not find time to haul them away —

April 2d began ploughing in the pond this day — sowed 2½ rows of Swamp-fat peas — hauling in wheat — machine-timber for the last days —

3d this morning, was up to Fredericksburg early enough for church — detained by the rain of Monday — Mr returned on the 5th — upon the road

road, the crops of wheat, with very few exceptions, look badly —

April 6th — Planted our first corn this morning, began in the peach orchard — the low grounds are too cold yet for planting — Jesse has been somewhat better for a day or two past & he is a heavier this morning — dined at Bellevue with company — my cow died at 11 o'c in Norfolk, noted me £3 for it —

7th attended church —

8th — It rained very heavily after a gale from the S. last night — there was 78° this morning, wind was very high all day — apple & cherry trees are in full bloom — began on Thursday to cut timber for a shanty, and by three carpenters built by Jos. Johnson & two by Mr. Crosby — to day, their team began to haul them in — Sister Phebe visited George very very since Sunday last — he is much better again — Mr. Wilson family joined us on Thursday — he went himself to Hebron to day —

11th Monday — raining very heavily last night — high wind, continued to day — very disagreeable weather — my three sons, James, left the farm of Friday & Saturday night, my son James injured his cart, fine, but on the 'Bell' Jesse made the best work of it, & that this morning finished sowing potatoes — the cow visited George to day —

Spring

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April 12th last night cold so cold that ice formed. The weather is still cold but has moderated to day — dined at the Whitehills — planting corn on the "old quarter" cut —

13th frost last night. today was mild & clear. The Ct. visited Gov., she is very ill — ploughing in the field this afternoon — had been stopped by the heavy rain of the 11th.

14th Geese died about day-light — last night, between 80 & 90 yds. of my seine were cut from the lines & carried off by some evil-minded persons — crossed the river — & searched fruitlessly among Mr. Buckner's negro-quarters & beds for the stolen seine —

15th secured the remnants of my seine — forbidden the hauliers to their respective duties — discharged the head hauler, & also Mr. Garner, the seine being dispised effectually for the season by the depredation which has been committed — planted 32 hills of cucumbers — & 16 of cimblins — trimmed the fig bushes, which were nearly killed by the late severe winter — towards evening, it began to rain —

16th rained heavily last night — drizzling, foggy weather till noon day — too wet to plant corn — spreading manure & repairing fence — ploughing in the river cut — a lovely evening —

18th Sunday — Yesterday was a charming day — night before

before last another calf fell, making the 4th alive, two having died — planting corn — finished the cut below the ice-house — three large ploughs going & two drags on cultivated land — river side cut this afternoon — double strength in the farm cut —

April 19th fine day — finished the road work of the wharf — began filling in with yards of Dr. Ashton's 3 of Mr. Fitzhugh's 2 of Saw. Ashton's — planted 14 hills of nasturtiums — & rows of shaft beans — & 36 hills of Lima beans — another calf last night — killed a lamb —

21st fine weather yesterday and today — dressed off rows of parsnips & 5 of beets — potatoes, & corn in the crib coming up — finished planting river-side cut & commenced planting in the farm cut —

23rd cool for the last days — finished planting the last grass at the Cogue & the farm cut at the Sapling — the morning — heating the meadows at both places — very heavy shower from east last night — wind & water [illegible] on the Potomac on Thursday to day — hot sun this morning — Dr. Ogle & family came over from Hadley this eve — finished wharf —

25th the weather continues cool — had fires yesterday

another

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another calf Saturday night - being the 8th living - meal to lambs and chickens yesterday - 32 hogs & 25 pigs in house lot - planted cabbages to day - gave out to the people 8 middlings & 8 pails yesterday - ploughing in the pond - planting as on Saturday - Moses & Harry were ditching the main ditch in the mill field all last week -

April 26th the weather continues cool, with heavy showers to day - another calf dropped last night but it died & carried to Hogg's run - 2 lambs have died within a few days -

" 27th cloudy & cold, threatening rain - planted more cabbages - Mr Garner came to cut wood on the river bank - I gave him one hand to divide the wood cut, his b. taking care of selling it -

" 28th high wind last night - to day - continues cold - finished ploughing the corn field at midday - ploughs went into the orchard - corn looks yellow - wheat in the middle field is uncovered & indifferent - it looks well & promising in the pasture field & at the Dogue -

" 30th high wind & cool yesterday - the weather has more value to day - gave holiday to the Dogue hands - finished cropping in the field this evening - a small cut in the pond remains to be planted -

May 2nd Monday - fine weather yesterday & to day - planted all the field except the small pond cut - in the orchard to day - at the Dogue, planting the meadow -

May

May 4th fine weather yesterday & today — finished planting corn at the Rogue this morng. & at the Hop-Yard this evening — ploughing the cotton patch with three ploughs — 2 small ploughs at each place throwing the earth from the corn — hoes cleaning after them on the hill-sides — gave holiday to Moses & Henry —

" 5th — attended Court to day — went afterwards in the Steam Boat to Fredericksburg — killed a shoat —

" 7th — returned home this morng. to day all hands have had holiday at the Hop-Yard — yesterday & last night it rained moderately — to-day has been cloudy & raw — planted 5 p. rows (240 plants) of early York & more common cabbages making for these 28 rows about 830 plants — set out lettuce plants.

" 10th — Tuesday — cold enough for fire on Sunday & yesterday — there was frost last night — planting cotton at both places yesterday & to-day — the carpenters have been employed in getting things since the 20th ult? — today, they are removing the frame for my shoal machine —

" 25th — Wednesday — up to the 15th, the operations on the farm were confined to the cultivation of the corn — On the 15th, St Paul's Church in Chatham was consecrated — on the 17th we joined a large party on board the Steam Boat Philadelphia,

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proceed to Norfolk, where was held the Episcopal Convention of this Diocese, of which J. Pitchlynn Esq. myself were lay members from Frederick Parish — we returned in the same boat, & landed yesterday afternoon — There had been a fine rain here the preceding days after we departed, & the wheat, corn &c. had grown very much — replanting was nearly finished — the ploughs were siding in the bar cut — the hoes in the meadow — Moses & Henry finished ditching in the pound — the carpenters had nearly covered in the machine-barn — 2d. crop of peas ripe —

On the 13th, I concluded an agreement with Doctor Deaderick, whereby he engaged himself to attend the Negroes on my farms on my paying him One Dollar for each hand, young & old, as would be seen in my Inventory on the 1st. of January of each year —

May 26 — Nancy (Rogers) was delivered of a daughter this morning — heavy showers to-day — weather very cool for the season — large quantity of cheat in the wheat — this is a general complaint — & the crops are considered very bad — being injured partly by fly — & partly by the wet & severe winter — corn looks yellow after the early planting —

" 31st. Moses was engaged 3 days in white washing

the interior of the quarters — hoeing corn in the meadows at both places — plough finished lying in the river-side cut the mowing-weed into the pond — On Saturday, 28th, the weather became excessively warm — therm. 80 — on Sunday 82° — yesterday it rose to 91° — gave out to the hands on the 29th, 20 pieces of bacon — the most of the men their dinner towards —

June 1st — Wednesday — Mr. Hand who was cutting wood with the frame returns to the corn-field, in the morning finished cutting wood for the present — delivered to Mr. Boal Rabbit 2 cords for £1.50 — very warm —

2nd attended court to-day — Col. J. F. Hurt elected Clerk — voted for the present incumbent, Jno. H. Smith, with Mr. Hobson — officially, for Lt. J. Brown — very warm — finished the wing weeding & thinning in the meadow at the Tobacco — planted about 2½ bushels potatoes for a fall crop — (the Clerk raised the main beam of wheat machine —

4th attended court yesterday also — cut some of the wheat in the field for making hay — several heavy showers of rain this afternoon — shearing sheep to-day there are 72 old sheep & 42 lambs —

Jones

1831 June 6th Monday — fine rain on Saturday night & Sunday morning — thinning corn to day in quarter-cut — corn is improving very much —

„ 8th at court to day — finished tying corn early yesterday morning — & began giving it dirt upon the hills — hill-dressed — had a dish of early potatoes of good size —

„ 9th at court to day — ploughs in the meadow — hoes in the field — warm & favorable weather — corn & oats are coming — corn is done short —

„ 20th on the 11th went to Cedar Grove — to the 12th & back — since which I have been on Sunday (19th) there to-day — found Kingsmen delivering corn to the stock Gleaner — during my absence, there have been some slight rains — corn is much improved — wheat is nearly ripe — ploughs in the middle bar cut — showery this evening —

„ 21st — delivered 180 lbs. corn on board the Gleaner — cut some wheat in the evg. with 3 cutters at sup. fine —

„ 22d — 4 cutters in the field to day —

„ 23d. began harvest this morning with 9 cutters — finished up 34 shocks of wheat — after midday, the ploughmen went into the harvest-field — killed a mutton sheep — Have missing my garden furnishes an abundant supply at this time of fine potatoes, peas, snap beans, beets, cabbages & lettuce —

Thus

there was a fine shower of rain this eve., after which it grew very cool with high wind — hired of Dr. Whalen 3 cutters —

June 24th last night was cool — there was rain to 60° this morning — began cutting wheat at the Dogue with 10 cutters — the rakers followed after dinner — put up 42 shocks at Hop-Yard, and 21 at the Dogue — total 63 — general mark —

" 25th cutting as yesterday — put up 89 shocks —

" 27th Monday — finished cutting at the Dogue before breakfast — & returned to the Hop-Yard field — put up 40 shocks at Dogue & finished in the eve. — 6 ploughs running at Hop-Yard — showery to day — the corn needs rain very much — killed a mutton for harvest —

" 28th rained heavily last night — & the long vegacit showers of to day have interrupted the cutters very much — ploughing, cleaning & laccoing corn —

" 29th very heavy rain last night — cleared this morning & began after breakfast to put up shocks — cutting with 9 cutters — killed a sheep & 2 lambs — put up 40 shocks —

" 30th 8 cutters to day — finished at Hop-Yard before dinner — began to cut the rest in field — after breakfast, set all hands to putting up shocks — rained about two hours, before

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before breakfast until night — discharged one of the Windsors hands this evening — put up 52 stacks — planted celery — 2 cows —

July 1st — 7 cutters today — hauled up 40 stacks finished the middle field about dinner time — Hilled a stack for harvest —

" 2d — 7 cutters — at work, it rained so much as to stop the getting in of wheat — in the pasture field, for taking from the stack — hauled up one stack this morning — 8 ploughs at work this evg — the hay cleaning crew — discharged Charles Windsors cutters —

" 4th — Monday — it rained gently through the whole of yesterday — wheat too wet to haul in until about 9 o'clock — at 12, a heavy shower fell which stopped us for the remainder of the day — put up one stack — 5 cutters today —

" 5th finished cutting wheat early this evg — at the oats in the meadow adjoining lot — hauled up 2 stacks of wheat —

" 6th — hauled up 3 more stacks — finished the harvest —

" 7th — at work to day — carpenters have commenced the machine shed — ploughing & hilling the meadow — have cleaning the cutters —

" 8th — rained last night — 9th gathered roasting ears in garden —

" 11th — Monday — on Saturday went to Fredericksburg;

and

We returned in the evening — road rendered by two heavy showers — & a third comes on soon after my return, which continued until late — a great deal of rain fell; & we accompany it, much of the corn has prostrate — in the pasture, dung is washed away — & some, fears, will be drowned — the air is so chilly to-day as to reduce the mercury to 60° — being too wet in the meadow, the ploughs have shifted the middles in the barn cart — shook them into the river side cart — hoes & the old grass cart — engaged a man to dig a cole — who began his work to-day —

July 13th killed a lamb this morng — there remain 38 lambs, some have died a few days ago — 67 old sheep & 1 missing —

"14th this week has been dry & cold — working corn — a cart was hauling bricks to the well the last two days — washing wool to-day — finished machine shed, & arranged a roll track inclosure in front of it —

"23rd — the week has been dry & warm, the mercury rising several days to 88° — no rain since the 9th except a shower this evening — corn is beginning to suffer for the want of it — on the 21st, laid by the ploughs at the Hop-yard — & are now levelling

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the cultivators — will begin with them at the Logue club on Monday — On the 19th Moses began a ditch at the river for the purpose of reclaiming Higgs's swamp, which will be very valuable when it is accomplished — the washed wool weighed 238 lbs — shipped 200 lbs. to Baltimore to-day pr. S. Boat Franklin, reserving the remainder for stockings &c — the measles appeared on the farm this week —

July 25th — Monday — gave out 15 pieces of bacon to the people — a slight shower fell here yesterday evening — but not at the Logue —

" 30th — On Tuesday last, the well-digger reached water at the depth of 87 feet — began to wall it with brick — found some antediluvian remains — frags of a black bone, numerous sharp, serrated teeth — apparently of some fish — at the depth of 60 feet, in a black, compact fatty earth — the last 25 feet were day thro' a rich marl, containing shells decomposed — had the meat rubbed with hickory ashes to-day — it was taken down & examined on the 21st ult. there were then 57 hams, 87 shoulders and 38 middlings — in all 182 pieces — there now remain 46 hams, 65 shoulders & 24 middlings — 135 pieces — finished laying by corn at the Hop-Yard — a fine rain passed to the North of us this evening —

August 2. Tuesday — we had rain on Saturday night — it was very serviceable — but was not sufficient for our wants —

finished

finished laying up cow at the Dogue early to-day — hauling in wheat this evening to the treading-yard — the well was finished to-day — Simon was added to the 3 hands at work on the Hay's run ditch — hauled 2 loads of apples from the Dogue to the cider trough on Toshalan Hill —

August 4th — began treading wheat at the Dogue yesterday morng. this morng. being too damp. cleared out the machine yard at Mt Gen — beat a few apples for cider — this was our election-day — for Congress, Mr. Talliaferro rec.d 183 votes — Mr Chinn 45: for the Senate, Gen.l Rungerford 138, Mr R. Fitzhugh 78, & Col. Bates 15: Mr Roe was not opposed —

" 6th — treading wheat yesterday & to-day — from 12 shocks on Wednesday tread out 45 bushs. — from 23 yesterday 55 bushs — weather very cool since the 3rd cloudy & threatening, but no rain to-day — the wheat-machine was finished on Wednesday, but there remains some work to be done upon the barn — hung out several sheep lately by decede — trod 56 bushs. to-day —

" 8th — Monday — there were several gentle showers yesterday — during last night, it began to rain heavily — & so continued until mid-day — the roads were as high as on the 9th ult.o, when three mills were swept away in this county — no

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further damage is done than flooding the meadows — breaking down of corn — washing of roads — the weather has continued cool — the carpenters did some repairs to the mill to-day — cleaned out the barn in the morning — making cider this day —

August 9th — it rained again very heavily last night — making cider to-day — & removing farm-yard — sowed turnips in the garden —

" 11th — repairing the road to the wharf yesterday & to-day — rained again last night very heavily — & until late this morning — it is again raining to-night — putting up farm-yard —

" 13th — mending the farm & public roads yesterday — Cold Spring cow to Dr. Johnson Ca $3 — treading wheat to-day — got out 186 bushels — finished farm-yard, except wattling —

" 15th — Monday — began to thresh to-day with the wheat-machine — the straw too damp for a fair trial — of the 6 shocks of purple straw got out 48 bushels —

" 17th — Wednesday — went with my boy to Fredg. yesterday — returned in the Boat this morning — wheat-machine doing only tolerably — this may arise from damp wheat — shall leave home this afternoon with Mrs. T. on a visit to Maryland —

October 18th — We returned home on the 21st ultimo — the next evening I was taken ill with a bilious fever, which confined me to

to my bed 20 days. my fever continuing 15 days — When I left home, the wheat-machine was in operation — it threshed as follows, viz: 1st day, 102 bushs — 2d, 104 — 3d, 105 — 4th 105 — 5th 126 — 6th 147 — 7th 105 — 8th 105 — 9th 115 — Total 1014 — averaging 112⅔ bushs. pr. day — & leaving much wheat in the straw — Tread at the Pogue — 1st day, 45 bs 2d, 55 — 3d 56 — 4th, 81 — 5th, 60 — 6th, 36 — 7th 80 — Total 413 — average 59 bs — at the brick-kiln, 1st day, 80 — 2d 110 — 3 stacks remain to be tred — I seeded last fall 7 bushs. of purple-straw-wheat — which produced 46 bushs. in 5 stacks — an equal quantity of land seeded with bearded-wheat yielded 45 p in 10 stacks, quantity seeded not known — Mr. Turner gave out to the people 15 pieces of meat, Aug. 26th — Shipped 270 bbls. corn, sold to Dr. Johnson @ $3 — With measles & bilious fever, there has been a great deal of sickness — in consequence of which, much fodder remained to be secured when I reached home — On the 25th ult°. gave to the people 15 pieces of bacon — 26th — 27th & 28th delivered to Capt. Phillips' order 1423 bush. wheat, weighing 129 8 p — average 54.7 only — rained heavily on the 25th 26th & 27th & on the 9th 10th & 11th instant — Began to secured 30 stacks blade & 30 of top fodder — sow wheat on the afternoon of the 5th — seeded 40 bushs. of purple straw near the river — & 15 p in the cut adjoining the barn — seeded 26 p bs. bearded-wheat in the next cut, finishing it early on the 19th —

Becky

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Becky was delivered of a girl on the 7th instant — carpenters are engaged in building smoke-house — Rode out on the 19th in the carriage —

October 20th — Seeding early wheat yesterday on the hill-side & in the peach orchard — setting out strawberries yesterday & to-day — dug Irish potatoes on the 17th & 18th — pretty good crop —

„ 22d — Yesterday, thrd 90 bushs. wheat — packed 6 bbls. & 2 half-bbls. of apples — finished to-day, early, seeding the Bray wheat — 20 bushs. bot of Mr. John Berry — it ~~seeded~~ the hill-side sentended a few rows into the pond cut — the weather has been remarkably fine until to-day — it is cloudy & drizzling — on the 5th, there was frost, but it has since been mild —

„ 25th — Tuesday — it rained heavily on Sunday night — obliged to leave the pond, & began yesterday to ~~dig~~ the cut below the ice-house — my flock of sheep is reduced to 75, in consequence of disease & theft — latterly, this seems to be the greatest pest — on the 13th July, I had 105 — ~~sowed~~ sowed about 18 bushs. in the cut below the ice-house, which was finished this evg. went thence to the head of the pond — Mr. Thomas arrived to-day from Balt. with my pump — frost this morng. fine weather —

„ 28th — it rained heavily yesterday — but cleared off in the evg. with a cold wind from N.W. therm. 40° at 7½ this morng. — The rain drove

at

as from the pond into the old-quarter cut. finished the pump & removed the dairy yesterday — 2 women are picking cotton —

October 31 — Seeding in the pond Saturday evg. & to-day — dug my sweet potatoes —

Nov. 2 — Wednesday — Went to Fredg. on Monday pr. steam-boat — returned to-day —

" 3. At 7 this morning, Mrs. T — presented me a son — & is doing very well — attended an Anti-Jackson meeting at the Court-House — began seeding in the Hogg's new meadow — seeded 66 bushs. in the pond & quarter-cut —

" 4 — threading the balance of the wheat at the brick-kiln — 84 bushs — making the entire crop amount to 1791 bushs. by measurement after the first fanning —

" 5 — Seeding in meadow — delightful weather —

" 8 — Tuesday — seeded 19½ bushs. in Hogg's new meadow, wh. was finished yesterday evening — went thence to the Dogue meadow —

" 11th — it rained finely last night — put up the hogs at the quarters yesterday —

" 19th — we have had delightful weather for some weeks — it rained finely last night — was clear to-day — set out yesterday in my yard 2 English elms, 3 willow oaks & 2

fringe

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1831. fringe trees — & to day I planted 41 apple stocks contiguous to the peach trees which I set out last year — also a few Dutch elms upon the road leading from the house — loaded 78 bushs. wheat in the Logue field, including 10 in the Logue meadow —

Nov. 22d — Tuesday — It rained hard last night — hailed & snowed a little — has been very windy & cold all day — thermo. this morng. at 37° — pulled away cabbages yesterday — & carrots & turnips to-day — some of the latter were very large — one weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. & measured two feet round —

„ 24th — finished loading wheat last evening — loaded 15½ bushs. on the hill side near Hay's mill — whole crop loaded 312½ bushs — 98 in Logue field — 214½ in house field at Mapleyard — loaded on the same land, in 1828, 232 in one & 120 in the other — total 352 — one cart has been hauling in corn for a fortnight — started another to-day — to-morrow there will be three — gathering in the pound — counted 73 sheep this evening — 2 missing since the 25th ultimo —

„ 30th — rained all of Saturday & part of Sunday — on this evg. I set out with J. Fitzhugh Esq. on our way to Westmoreland C.H. to meet delegates from the other counties of this Congressional District for the purpose of sending delegates to the Nat. Jackson Convention in Baltimore — there met at C.H. none from Stafford, — Justin Fitzhugh

Hilleigh & myself, from King George — Richd. T. Brown, Wm. H. Taliaferro & Lawrence Washington, from Westmoreland — and Wm. N. Taylor & C. T. Branham, from Richmond. John Taliaferro, Wm. H. Taliaferro & myself were appointed to attend the Convention in Baltimore on the 2nd Monday — 12th — day of December next — I returned home last evening from Blenheim — the weather was very cold with a piercing wind from N. W. — the mercury stood, at breakfast-time this morning, at 23° — it became more mild during the day — hauling in corn from Hay's run meadow — I fear that this unusually early cold will destroy the latter season — wheat —

December 5th. Monday — On Saturday, the weather moderated & the hands were picking cotton at the Logue — yesterday was again cold & last night was intensely severe — Therm. was 16° this morning — as cold as any weather broke during last winter — mill-pond was frozen over on the 3rd — Moses — aged 2 yrs. died last night — his disease was scrofula —

" 7th — began to snow early this morning. It rained through the day — therm. 24° — Kitt died to-day at a very advanced age — supposed to be between 70 & 80 years — he has been afflicted severely with dropsy & asthma for a year past —

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Dec.r 22 — On the 8th inst. I left home to attend the National Republican convention, held at Baltimore on the 12th for nominating candidates for the Presidency & V. Presidency of the U. S. — I returned on yesterday — the unparalleled cold weather had stopped the steam boats, & I travelled on horseback to & from Washington, crossing the Potomac upon the ice on my return — the mercury was below zero on the 16th at Baltimore — the cold has been excessive every day until yesterday, when it became milder — today it again very cold — On the 15th, killed 37 hogs, weighing as follows, viz.

223	133	115	110	102	93	84	68
148	123	113	108	101	90	80	64
147	120	112	106	100	87	80	
137	119	110	104	98	86	80	
133	115	110	103	93	85	77	

37) 3958 lb.

107 lb. average wt.

the ice-house was nearly filled during my absence — the severe cold very seriously delayed the getting in of corn, of which much remains in the field —

"24 — snowed last night — received this morning the pound is white with sleet — Fancy was delivered of a girl yesterday evening —

"29th — light snows have fallen for several nights past — the holy-days being over, recommenced getting in corn — the fatted land fell last night — a sheep died — 70 remain — the weather

continued

continued severe—

Decr. 31— snowed mostly throughout the day— & again in the evening—

Inventory for 1832.

Males.

		age
Carpenters		
1 Joe		37
2 Anthony		67
3 Lewis		42
4 Henry		21
5 Tom		15
6 Ralph — miller	6.	60
Shoemaker		
7 Bill	1	28
Sawyer		
8 Moses	1	37
Blacksmiths		
9 Isaac		35
10 Jim	2	20
House Servants		
11 Sam		26
12 Thaddeus — carriage-driver		26
13 Marcus — stable boy		19
14 Gawen — cook	4	16
Crop-hands		
15 Harry — foreman		55
16 George		63
17 Ralph		69
18 Spencer — wood-cutter		64
19 Cyrus		55
20 George — stable man		36
21 Silas — foreman of plough		35
22 William — carter		32
23 Jim		31
24 Dick		30
25 Barnaby		27
26 Saunders		26
27 Ralph		26
28 Simon		26
29 Enoch		22
30 Charles		18
31 Ned		16
32 Billy — asst. to overseer		15
33 John		14
34 Isaac — cattle-minder	20	11

Females.

		age
House-servants		
1 Fanny — milk-woman		73
2 Milly — cook		54
3 Maria		29
4 Charlotte	4	9
Mary (Miss Lomax)		
Weaver		
5 Hannah	1	21
Spinners		
6 Lucy		61
7 Annie		47
8 Grace	3	39.
Out-hands		
9 Phillis		61
10 Elsie		54
11 Judy		54
12 Judy — cook to overseer		46
13 Polly — cook to out-hands		32
14 Becky		31
15 Mary		30
16 Molly		25
17 Nancy		23
18 Fanny		22
19 Nancy		21

Ralph

Sophy

Inventory for 1832.

20 Sophy –		18
21 Maria –		18
22 Elsie –	14	12

Children.

Becky's (Jared's wife –)

1 Frederick –		11
2 Meredith –		7
3 Eliza –		5
4 Israel –		3
5 Peggy –	5	inf.

Polly's

6 Rachel –		8
7 Nancy –		6
8 Winny –		4
9 Betsey –	4	2

Mary's

10 Judy –		4
11 Rosa –	2	1

Hannah's (Joe's wife) –

12 John –		4
13 Joe –	2	2

Maria's (Lewis' wife) –

14 Mildred	1	3

Grace's (Moses' wife) –

15 Isabella –	1	2

Milly's grand children –

16 Augustus –		7
17 Tom –	2	5
Louisa –		[illegible]
Ann –		[illegible]

Fanny's –		
18 Sam –		2
19 Eliza –	2	inf.
Molly's		
20 Jerry –	1	4
Nancy's (Jim's wife –)		
21 Edward –		4
22 Sarah Ann –		2
23 Jane –	3	inf.

Recapitulation –

Carpenter –		1	
Shoemaker –		1	
Tobacco –		1	
Blacksmiths –		2	
House-servants – male	4		
female	4	8	
Weaver –		1	
Spinners –		3	
Crop-hands – male	20		
female	14	34	
Children –		23	
			79.

Births in 1832 –	Deaths –
Polly, of a girl, April 16 –	
Hannah, of a girl, May 11 –	
Maria, of a girl, July 29 –	

Stock, Farming Utensils, &c.

Horses—

			age
Carriage-horses—	2		9
Saddle do			
Magnas	2		9
Red Rover			4
Brood mares—			
Oakenbrow—			old
Flirt—	3		4
Rose—			3
Overseer's horse—	1	8.	old

Mules—

			age
6.			old
6.		12	6

Farming Utensils—

Grubbing hoes.	12
spades.	9
shovels	4
mattocks.	2
axes.	17
cradles.	12
blades— 12 good 14 old	26
wedges.	4
wheat-fans	2
cutting-box	1

Work-oxen— (3 old) . 15

Pen-cattle— 2 bulls— 4 young steers } 20—
Sheep— 2 heifers— 12 ewes } 70—

Hogs— market— 32— 8 at 8.
Shoats— 50— 15 " "
Pigs— 36— 20 " " } 118—

Farming Utensils—

Carriage horse wagon—	1
single do—	1
tumbril—	1
ox-carts	3
ox-chains	3
yoke do - 5 yokes 8—	
ploughs— Cary-double—	7
" single—	12
Deere-large 6	12
" small 11	
sets of gear to do	17
cultivators—	1
rake-iron—	2
wood—	3
weeding hoes—	14

grubbing

1832.

January 6th — The weather has been exceedingly cold, with very little intermission, since the 28th of November, until yesterday. To-day has been yet milder — the mercury rising to 57°. Having finished getting in corn from the house-field, we had commenced in the Dogue field — but the ground being too soft, beat cider at the Dogue with a part of the hands — & shucking corn with the remainder. Many are sick with the Influenza, which is prevailing extensively & with great severity — It is raining this evening —

" 7th — rained most of to-day — & scarcely a vestige of snow remained to be seen — made 1 bbl. cider —

" 9th — rained all day yesterday until late last night, when it cleared up — the ice in the river is broken — no frost remains in the ground — too wet to haul corn — killed 1 mutton to-day — 5 of the hilling hogs died mad yesterday morning —

" 14th — delightful weather (very mild to-day) most of this week — hung in the meat house 60 hams — 60 shoulders — 60 middlings and 28 jowls — 208 pieces —

" 16th — Monday — killed 10 hogs this morning — weighing as

as follows, viz:

17 lb	105	89	77	115	(10) 955
119	102	89	74	63	

95 1/2 lbs. average weight—

whole number of hogs killed 47— total weight 4913— the average wt. being 104 1/2 nearly— finished getting in corn to-day— started one plough— very mild— therm. 55° at mid-day—

Jan: 17— 4 ploughs running to-day— ground in fine order—

" 21— have listed the north & half of the middle at of the mill field— fine weather all this week— Thursday & Friday, finished the remainder of the cotton— to-day, finishing hauling corn— last night, a little rain & snow fell— to-day is colder—

" 23d— Monday— therm. was 24° this morning— the ground was soft enough to plough before 11— to-day, began grubbing— hauling out manure— & cutting wood to burn brick for a mill— carpenters have been engaged since X'mas in getting timber (and cogs) spreading & manuring garden—

" 26th— rain on Tuesday— & part of yesterday— it then snowed with high wind— cleared & became intensely cold— therm. stood at 8° this morning— sweeping corn & getting wood—

" 28th— therm. at 2° yesterday— & 6° this morning— finished filling ice-house— ice was 3 in. thick yesterday— & 4 1/2 to-day—

the—

1832 the river is again closed — such intensely cold weather is without a parallel in late years — killed a beef — river again open on the 29th —

Jan: 31st Tuesday — the weather moderated on Sunday — & snow fell to the depth of about 3 in. — measuring corn yesterday — to-day hauling out manure — & getting stakes & brush for wattling — 4 hands cutting brick-wood — 13 lambs — 1 sheep died a few days ago —

Feb: 4th — the three last days have effaced the livery of spring — this evening there was thunder — & it has rained heavily — yesterday & to-day, removing & repairing the fence near the mill — to-day, Mr. Barrett & myself measured the fall of Hay's run in reference to the practicability of getting sufficient fall, by a race from the ice-pond to a narrow ridge between Hay's & Dogue run — for a mile — there is fall enough for an 18 ft. wheel & 4 ft. of head — marked a pine-tree, the upper notch being precisely 25 ft. above the point we started from, in the road near the ice-pond gate — & a marked stump below the pine, shows the exact level of that point — Powhatan Hill is found to be 70 ft. above the eaves of the barn-shed —

11th. 4 ploughs running all this week — rain on Wednesday, Thursday & to-day — fencing & wattling near the mill early in the week — & latterly at the barn lot — 64 cords of wood are

cut

cut & corded up for the brick kiln — sowed 3 rows of early peas —

February 15th Wednesday — rain on Sunday & yesterday — 3 ploughs running on Monday & to-day — roads very wet & heavy — wattling farm-pen —

" 18th — rain on Thursday — went to Fredg. & returned yesterday — Mrs Lomax's Mary was delivered of a girl yesterday — 4 ploughs the last three days — fencing & wattling dog-lot & farm-pen — finished cutting 94 cords brick wood — hang in the meat house 16 rams & 16 shoulders — 16 middlings remain in brine —

" 20th — Monday — beating out corn to-day — have sold 200 bbls. @ $2 — the crop measures 1020 barrels — deduct allowance for to the people — viz:

80 men, women & children @ 3 lbs.	218	pr. week
12 mules @ 8.	96	
3 mares @ 6	18	
horse stable.	50	
1 jack.	8	
hogs.	30. 420	
~~deduct~~ 80 bbls. used before 1st Jan.	80. 506	
deduct mill toll about	50. 456	leaving for sale,

including overseer's 1/12 part **564** barrels —

has rained very hard since 10 P.M. — before bed-time, it was showing — this has been a most remarkable winter — we have had the severest cold & the mildest weather, several times, in close succession

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succession — the ground has not been frozen since the 1st inst., except on the 17th & to-night — we have had 3 weeks ploughing — at this date last year we had ploughed 2 days only —

Feb. 21st — last night it cleared with a cold N.W. wind — too wet to plough today — ground a little frozen — hauling in mill timber yesterday & to-day —

24th — delivering corn yesterday & this morning on board the Lebs. — 4 feed Capt. Jones — 3 ploughs running yesterday — last night began our 3rd winter — it was very cold to-day — therm. 18° before breakfast — ground hard frozen — hauling up the fencing on the west & north sides of mill woods — this line of fencing is now decided between Mr. Threadly & myself, Mr. T beginning at the mill & going 244 paces to a stake, whence I proceed to our corner & thence to the north corner of the mill field —

" 27th — Monday — snowed on Friday night — rained Saturday — ground very wet — hauling in timber to the mill — throwing up clay for bricks & grubbing —

" March 3rd — rained on Monday night & Tuesday morning very heavily — employed all hands 3 days in repairing wattlings near Mr. Arnold & Mr. Threadly — grubbing yesterday & to-day — finished hauling timber to mill — attended court 2 days — to-day, Capt. Baker

Baker, county surveyor, ran a line between Mr. Thornton's & my land, where we have made an equal exchange in order to straighten our fencing & improve our fields — running 114 poles from P on the line OP, in Sankey's map of his survey in 1825, to a gum & marked pine tree, we agreed to consider this one corner — & running 14 po. from S on the line ST, we made this the other corner — & ran a line from each of 114 po. courses N 39° 45' W — there being about 2½ acres on each side, which we have mutually exchanged — giving no deed by either party, being satisfied that our heirs will abide by the terms of our exchange, in consideration of the mutual advantages to both — Capt. B. surveyed also a small lot near my mill attached to the Pop-castle Islet, which I desire to own for the purpose of building my new mill upon it in greater safety than the present mill — 4 ploughs running the last 3 days — 30 lambs —

March 11th rained on Sunday night — started 5 ploughs yesterday — to day, planted 4 rows of early potatoes & 1 row of onions — all hands grubbing —

" 8th Shipped 12½ bushels wheat, wt. 1105 — 55 lbs. — the remnant of my seed wheat on board the Sch. Two Sisters, Capt. Hooper — sold at 95¢ — having finished grubbing, were burning stalks.

1852.

Stalks to-day. Started another plough to-day — 2 carey all work in the new ground & 4 Davis in the adjoining cut — a cow died last night having been gored by the bull — Sowed two beds of asparagus & sowed beets — early York, cauliflower & celery seeds — peas coming up — we have had fine weather for a few days —

March 10th — 5 carey ploughs at work yesterday & to-day in the new ground — & 1 Davis in the next cut — wattling garden at the Dogue — rained last night & showery to-day — this evening, it is raining heavily — tried 17 warrants at Woodford's School house —

" 13th — rained on the 11th very hard at night — the 4 Davis ploughs were filling up in the light land yesterday — & 4 to-day — the other two ploughing cotton patch at the Dogue — fencing patch & finishing garden wattling with all the other hands — rain last night — and again to-night — ~~Sowed~~ 2 rows Marrowfat Peas — 2 rows carrots — & 1 of the white onion —

" 14th — Therm. was below the freezing point this morning — to-day was very cold — planted grape-cuttings & 2 catalpas from Cedar Grove — the August White Grape in the lowest square — the amber in the middle — & the Mourve next the cedar hedge —

" 17th — to-day began our 4th winter since the 27th of November — it has been quite mild until within a few days —

a violent snow storm set in this evening with very high wind & the mercury is down to 5° N — finished enclosing the barn yard & garden at the Dogue yesterday — & ploughing the cotter patch there began repairing the fence next to Fitzhugh's — began to cut the ditch upon the new line between me & Threadkill & myself yesterday — grafted 6 peach pins — & 1 flowering peach —

March 25th — Tuesday — there was 16° on the morning of the 18th — nearly all the fruit is killed — on the 21st & 22d sowed 14 bs. oats and clover in the orchard — mending walling to pen until last evening — have finished ploughing the pond — a very small part next the river of the old mill field remains to be ploughed — of the half of the middle field, which I have annexed to it in order to form one of the 4 fields into which I have divided the Hop-Yard & Dogue, about one half is not yet ploughed — upon this I am hauling out a good deal of manure — on the 22d went to Wash^n and returned on the 25th —

" 30th — finished the ditch on the 28th — 500 yds. long — and finished ploughing river side-cut this eve^g — beating out corn to-day —

April 2nd — Monday — delivered 123 bbls. corn on Saturday

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1832.

on board the Sch. Enterprise, Capt. Stedder — planted early sweet corn —

April 7th — hoeing out & delivering 1200 bushels corn on board Sch. Wm. F. Knox, Capt. Kenna — 3 days of this week finished ploughing yesterday & began to plant corn — that evening near the mill — it has been quite cold for several days past — vegetation is very backward — The wheat looks badly — planted 2 rows snap beans on Tuesday —

" 12th — Thursday — Mr. Tinkham began to prepare the brick yard on Monday — went to Prov. in the S. Boat on that day and returned yesterday — we have had fine showers to-day — there has been no rain since the 13th ultimo, except a light one on the 26th — the weather began to be moderate yesterday — on Monday morning there was ice 1/8 in. thick —

" 13th — planted one row of early & another of Dwarf Imperial peas — red & yellow tomatoes, broccoli, radish, cayenne pepper, kale, and salsify —

" 17th — Several heavy showers fell yesterday — Monday — Polly was delivered of a girl last night — hoed 4 rows of lima beans to-day —

" 18th — began to mould bricks to-day —

" 20th — Friday — finished carting early this evening — & have

nearly

nearly finished planting corn— I have given to-morrow a holiday to the hands— planted 32 hills of Lima beans to-day— 2 rows of marrow-fat peas— 2 rows of carrots— & 5 hills of sion blind, 6 being planted on the 2d inst— the weather has been very cold for a week— cloudy too— have had large fires every day—

April 25th Wednesday— planted yesterday & to-day 800 hills of sweet potatoes— very warm to-day— therm. 74° at 2 P.M.

" 30th Monday— finished planting corn on the 27th— preparing the cotton patch at the Bogue— rained on Saturday night & last night— corn is coming up— tobacco is improving, tho' may be restored greatly by gentle rains & warm sun— 38 lambs & 66 old sheep— have had an association well attended at Lambs creek church the last 3 days— planting cabbage plants— killed 1st lamb—

May 3rd finished planting cotton yesterday— began siding corn yesterday— the hoes followed to-day— Rose had a male colt— attended Superior Court two last days— corn is coming up finely—

" 5th planted melons yesterday— a fine rain fell last night— siding corn & hoeing in the new ground—

" 9th rained heavily last night & this morning— ploughed a small lot at the barn for tobacco— began replanting corn—

" 11th Hannah was delivered of a girl to-day— the weather

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1832 continues cool — we had fires yesterday morning and evening — a great deal of the corn is mifling, having rotted in the ground —

May 21st — Monday — on the 12th inst. went to Washington in the Potomac Creek & Boat Sloop — & returned alone yesterday in the Columbia — a fine rain fell on Saturday night improved greatly the wheat & corn — finished replanting on Wednesday — the cultivators have nearly cut the whole of the corn field — hoes in the upper part of the pond — this morning was cool — therm. 54° —

„ 23rd — sheared sheep yesterday there are 64 sheep & 38 lambs — rain came on at mid-day — that continued until night — 152 lbs. washed wool.

„ 26th — rained heavily on the night of the 23rd — heavy showers again today — the weather continues very cool — fires morning & evening — therm. 52° this morning — finished moulding bricks yesterday — ploughs dividing — tried 14 warrants to day at the Court House — rained gently —

June 2nd the cold weather continued until yesterday — to day was very warm — to day succeeded in bringing 4 chub from Mr. N. H. Hoe's mill pond to mine — we had caught some on Wednesday, which died —

„ 4th — a fine rain yesterday — now it is warm, corn begins to grow —

„ 5th — rain again last night this morning — too wet to plough — ploughs have finished dividing all the corn shave thrown the dirt to done off —

„ 7th — planted celery yesterday — in the evg. there was a heavy

shower

showers — this morning was raw & cold — had a fire — attended one levy court to-day — ploughs are ploughing belt to the corn next the mile-wood — hoed in the new ground — no court —

June 18th — on the 8th, went to Maryland, returned yesterday with my family — the two last days have been very warm — there was 88° yesterday & 90° this day — there were light showers in the evening it rained once or twice during my absence — & corn has grown very much — wheat is beginning to change color — a cow was killed by some of the cattle a few days since — had peas, beets, onions, potatoes, cabbage & sharp beans to-day —

" 19th — planted 16 rows of potatoes —

" 22nd — 12 ploughs began to lay by corn — giving to it its last ploughing — a few days ago — the weather has been cool since the rain of the 17th — cleaning the machine barn yard the last two days — shoveling out the manure & straw from it — set fire to the brick kiln last night — it contains 94.375 bricks — being 142 by 25 and 27½ courses high — has upon it 20 kiln. shells —

25th — Monday — hoeled to the barn & thrashed out the early wheat which 5 cutters cut down on Saturday — that day, tried a few warrants at the court house — fine weather —

30th — Saturday — 4 cutters in the wheat field since Thursday — cut only in spots, the wheat ripening very irregularly —

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there is green wheat intermixed with ripe heads — began to-day to haul to the barn & stack some of the purple straw from the river side cut — the hoe hands were in the cotton patch & cutting down blue thistles yesterday at the Dogue — the ploughs laying by corn near the river — all the corn is laid by north of the burning row the 2 cuts near side cut near the barn — finished burning the kiln on Wednesday evening — gave out most of the summer clothing this week — planted beets on Wednesday — pleasant weather this week — but very dry —

July 3rd Tuesday — put up 3 stacks of purple straw and 2 of bearded wheat yesterday & Saturday — 7 cutters to-day — warm, mercury rising to 88° — killed a mutton yesterday for harvest — there are 162 old sheep & 35 lambs, one more having dropped a few days ago — sold 3 to Mr. Morgan killed 2 lately — 7 ploughs running in the cut north of the public road — 12 have been going until to-day —

" 5th all hands in the harvest field since yesterday — running 3 carts & 1 wagon occasionally the carriage & the wagon — attended court to-day — cutters finishing the purple straw near the river — 4 cutters —

" 6th this morning were finished 11 stacks of bearded & 6 of purple straw wheat — the cut near the barn. The quarter cut & one cut in the road yet remain —

" 7th got in the remainder of the purple straw last evening there are

are 11 stacks of it — 8 cutters yesterday & 7 to-day — Therm. rose to 93° to-day — there is some rust in the rust wheat of the old quarter cut — & a great deal in the meadow wheat — finished 16 stacks of bearded wheat —

July 10th Friday — our harvest was interrupted yesterday by a heavy rain on Sunday night — by showers yesterday morning — & another heavy shower in the evening —

" 11th — it again rained very heavily after mid-day yesterday — began cutting the Dogue wheat — to-day the weather is very cool — planted 5 rows of potatoes in the garden — & 6 in the peach orchard —

" 12th finished getting up wheat from the Top-Yard field and Kay's meadow — there are 20 stacks of bearded & 11 of purple straw wheat from this field, which should yield about 1700 bushels — 5 stacks at the Dogue —

September 24th — Monday — returned home this evening, having been absent since the 13th July on a visit to the Va. Springs & Cloverdale — Mr. Turner began to get out wheat on the 8th August — the machine threshed as follows, viz: 1st day, 40 bushels — 2nd — 106 — 3rd 150 — 4th 150 — 5th 110 — 6th 102 — 7th 119 — 8th 89 — total 866 bushels of ~~purple straw~~ wheat — 9th 170 — 10th 187 — 11th 204 — 12th 50 — total 611 bushels of purple straw wheat — 18½ bushels of early wheat reserved for seed — threshed at the Dogue, 1st day, 57 bushels. 2nd 77 — 3rd 110 — 4th 126 — total

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370 — total 1865½ — add wheat shipped to Baltimore — 140 bushels early wheat — the entire crop is 2005 bushels — The daily average work of the machine proved to be 108¼ of bearded — 152¾ — of purple straw wheat — and 123 of both kinds — leaving little or no grain in the straw — The product of the bearded wheat was 5.9 for 1 — the purple straw 11 — the early wheat 7.9 — the bearded wheat in the Rogue field 3.7 — average product 6.3 for 1 — The stacks of the bearded wheat averaged 43.3 — of purple straw 55½ — On the 4th of July I shipped 80 bushels early wheat to Baltimore — sold at 125¢ — & on the 11th, 60 bushels sold at 120¢ — On the 9th Sept. delivered 1570 bushels sold at 115¢ — including 160 bushels of Br. Threshly's wheat, weighing 150 lbs. 52 lbs., exchanged with me for seed — The first shipment of early wheat weighed 58.48 — the second 57.20 — the last shipment of bearded wheat — 1130 bushels — averaged 58.18 — of purple straw — 280 bushels — 58½ lbs — The summer has been comparatively healthy — the mill is covered in —

October 1st 23 stacks of blade fodder are secured — it rained heavily yesterday — there are 99 sheep — young and old —

" 4th — began sowing early wheat to-day on the fallow near the machine barn — fine weather — killed a beef yesterday — and sold one to Mr. Morgan for $10 —

" 6th — sowed 18½ bushels early wheat — began to sow purple straw in the upper part of the pond — killed a mutton a few days ago — the weather

is unusually warm for the season — sowed 6 bushs. purple straw wheat —

Oct. 15th — Monday — sowed 58 bushs. of purple straw wheat last week in the upper cuts of the pond — and in the adjoining cut — rained on Wednesday night & Thursday morning — and again heavily on Saturday — and during the night — It has cleared off cool & pleasant — lost three sheep by theft on that night — the flock is reduced to 87 —

" 16th — frost last night — 5 carpenters from Windsor began to work to day at the mill —

" 19th — finished sowing wheat in the lower part of the pond, and next the mill woods last evening — 32 bushs. sown between the main ditch & woods. the weather has been warm for several days — began to day to sow the cut north of the public road, except the barn — sowed 21½ bushs. in this cut — making 53½ bushs. sown this week —

" 23rd Tuesday — a drizzling rain began on Sunday afternoon and continued yesterday — in the evening, commenced sowing the cut north of the public road opposite the brick kiln — set out strawberry plants to-day — put up the hogs for fattening —

" 27th — severe frosts for the last two nights — sowed this week 6 bushs. wheat — making a total of 181½ bushs. of purple straw, sowing nearly thro' the persimmon-tree cut — digging sweet potatoes yesterday & to-day — the carpenters from Windsor return home — very cool —

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October 31st put up 17 fattening hogs — 31 in all —

November 1st finished sowing north of the public road — put up 3 more fattening hogs — Indian summer seems to have begun to-day —

" 3rd sowed 47½ bushels wheat this week —

" 6th the election of Electors for P. & V. Pres.t of the U.S. was held yesterday at the C.H. — the votes were 89 Jackson — 103 Anti-Jackson — it rained gently last night —

" 8th rained moderately all day —

" 10th finished sowing wheat this evening — sowed this week 47½ bushels. whole crop sown is 18½ early wheat, 18½ purple straw, and 95 bearded wheat — total 295 bushels — sowed on the same land 375 bushels in 1827 & 29 — Therm. 36° at sunrise —

" 12th Monday — one cart has been hauling in corn since the 1st three began to-day — and all hands are employed in getting in corn, except four who are ditching —

" 16th — yesterday & to-day were very cold — there was ice on both days — attended the Cattle Show in Troy — it was very indifferent —

" 17th — it has rained all day — have put away vegetables during this week — cabbages, turnips, carrots & parsnips —

" 20th Tuesday — 2 ploughs running yesterday — and 3 to-day — ploughing in the road — it is very cold to-day —

21st —

Nov. 28th — rained gently the whole of the 27th — only 2 ploughs running yesterday & to-day — tried warrants at the C. H. to-day — cold — in the evening, there was a transient snow storm of short duration —

" 29th — put up 3 more hogs to day — 37 in all — planted out trees — delivered a remnant of wheat — 62 flitches. avg. 61 lbs. 11/40 — Pd @ 112½ p. f.

Dec. 3rd — Monday — last week was remarkably mild and pleasant — on Friday I went to Yorkville & returned next day — the wind was too high to cross with my horse at Port Royal — yesterday was cold, the therm. standing all day at 36° — in the evening, it began to rain — & during the night rained heavily — rained also this morning, but cleared towards evening — put up one more hog in the fattening pen — 38 — the last put up — 7 — have been trapped at the Dogue — only one plough going to-day —

" 5th — yesterday was a raw, disagreeable day & some rain fell — it is more pleasant to-day — killed a hog this morning — a pumpkin of this year's crop weighs 65 lbs — & measures 4 ft. round one way & 8 ft. the other — one sheep missing — probably dead — having been caught & injured by a dog a week or two since — one lamb dropped several days ago —

" 8th — put into the fattening pen another hog from the Dogue making a total of 39 — yesterday, killed 2 — & sold them away to-

day

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day — their weight is as follows. viz:

215	113.	103.	96*	91	87*	85	20
139	105*	103	96	90	87	79.	2091
133	104*	99*	92	88	86		104½ lbs. average wt —

it has rained without intermission since midday — * Mr. Turner's allowance —

December 10th Monday — cleared yesterday morning — we have had delightful weather — the new milk began to grind to-day —

" 11th finished this morning getting in standing corn — it has rained without intermission since mid-day —

" 12th a fine mild day — removed the stock to the farm-yard to-day —

" 15th 3 ploughs running most of this week — making farm-yard, yard for milch cows & sheep — yesterday, there was a dense fog all day — to-day it rained gently —

" 22nd after finishing the sheep dip yard at the Pogue's on Monday, some of the men have been cutting wood — & have been delving — & the rest pulling & cleaning up new, fresh field — measuring corn the last two or three days — the ploughs have been stopped by frost to-day — after being mild for a month past, the weather became colder about the middle of this week — & the ground is now frozen hard — & the milk pond is covered with ice — at daylight yesterday morning, the therm. was 22° this morning 19° —

" 31st Monday — spent last week in Fredg — on Tues. day, the

weather

weather moderated — it rained the day after — the ice melted — and it has continued very mild — after four days holiday, recommenced work on Saturday — relained home on that day — measuring corn & hauling out manure — 3 ploughs going — there are 5 to-day —

Inventory for 1833.

Males.		age
Carpenters		
1. Joe		38
2. Anthony		68
3. Lewis		43
4. Henry		23
5. Tom	5.	16
Miller		
6. Sampson	1.	61
Shoemaker		
7. Bill — alias Gardener	1.	27
Blacksmiths		
8. Jared		36
9. Isaac — stricker	2.	12
Jobbers		
10. Moses		38
11. Henry	2.	17
House-Servants		
12. Sam		27
13. John		12
14. Thaddeus — carriage driver		27
15. Reuben — stable-boy	4.	8
Crop hands		
16. Harry — foreman		56
17. George		64
Moses		

Males.		age
18. Moses		70
19. Spencer — wood cutter		65
20. Conway		56
21. George — cartman		37
22. Lewis — foreman of ploughs		36
23. William — cartman		33
24. Jim		32
25. Dick		31
26. Barnaby		28
27. Saunders		27
28. Ralph		27
29. Simon		27
30. Jim		21
31. Charles		19
32. Gawen		17
33. Billy — Sen.r to overseer		16
34. John — cart-driver		15
35. Frederick — cattle-minder 20.		12

Females.		age
House Servants		
1. Milly — cook & milker		55
2. Maria		30
3. Sophy — cook's assistant		19
4. Charlotte	4.	16
Mary (Brigh Lonax's)		
Weaver		
5. Hannah	1.	22
Spinners		
6. Fanny		74
Lucy		

Inventory for 1833.

Females.		age	Children.		age
7. Lucy —		62	9. Jane —	5.	infⁿ.
8. Amie —		48			
9. Grace —	4.	40	Mary's (George's wife)		
Crop-hands.			10. Judy —		5
			11. Rose —	2.	2
10. Phyllis — superannuated —		62			
11. Elsie —		55	Hannah's (Joe's wife)		
12. Cudy —		55			
200 13. Judy — cook to overseer —		47	12. John —		5
300 14. Polly — do " crop-hands —		33	13. Joe —		3
15. Becky —		32	14. Lucy —	3.	infⁿ
16. Mary —		31			
17. Molly —		26	Maria's (Lewis' wife)		
18. Nancy —		24			
19. Fanny —		23	15. Milldred —		4
20. Fanny —		22	16. Martha —	2	infⁿ
350 21. Maria —		19			
300 22. Elsie —	13.	13	Grace's (Moses' wife)		
			17. Isabella —	1	3
Children.			Fanny's —		
Becky's (Jared's wife)			18. Sam —		3
			19. Eliza —	2	1
250 1. Meredith —		8	20. Tom — Milly's gr. child —		6
200 2. Eliza —		6			
200 3. Israel —		4	Molly's —		
100 4. Peggy —	4	1			
			21. Jerry —	1	5
Polly's — (Lewis' wife)					
			Nancy's — (Jim's wife)		
5. Rachel —		9			
6. Nancy —		7	22. Edward —		5
7. Winny —		5	23. Sarah Ann —		3
8. Betsy —		3	24. Jane —	3	1
	5	infⁿ	25. John William — Annie's gr. ch.		4

Inventory for 1833

Recapitulation

Carpenters		5.
Miller		1.
Shoemaker		1.
Blacksmiths		2.
Jobbers		2.
House-servants		
Male	4	
Female	4.	8.
Weaver		1.
Spinners		4.
Crop-hands		
Male	20.	
Female	13.	33.
Children		25
Total		82.

Births in 1833.

Nancy, of a boy - July 30
Maria (young) of a girl - Aug. 6

Deaths

Eliza - Fanny's - June 20th teething & worms
Fenney - Aug't 8th of chlorosis
Martha Hale Maria - of inflammation of the throat and whooping cough - Oct. 31st
Jane - Polly's - Nov. 1st, of whooping cough
Sam - Fanny's " 7th of bilious fever worms and whooping cough

Stock, Farming Implements &c.

Horses - carriage - 2 - 14 yrs. old
saddle -
Dragoon 10 "
Red Rover 5 "
Rose - 3 - 4 "
Brood mares -
Ockenbow old
Flirt 5 "
Blaine 8 "
Rattle - 4 - 8 "

Slough team -
1 horse - 1 old
5 mules - do
6 do 11 - 7 "
male colt - - 1

Work oxen - 16 -
Pen cattle -
1 1/2 Durham Bull - 1 yr. old
1 South Branch cow - 3 or 4 -
1 1/4 Durham heifer -
1 1/2 do calf -
5 steers -
6 heifers -
13 cows - 28 -

Sheep - 84
of lambs -

Hogs - marked 25 -
9 stars & 11 pigs at A. Yard
1 do & 7 pigs " Sogue
1 do & 4 hogs in flattening pen -

Farming Utensils—

1 carriage back wagon—
1 mulp do
1 tumbril—
3 ox-carts—
3 ox-chains—
5 yoke Co—
8 yokes—
Ploughs—
7 Cary—double—
12 single—
6 Davis—double—
6 Co—single—
1 Wood's Patent & Freeborn double—
Mr. Comicks double—
single—
1½ Sells plough gear—
6 cultivators—
2 rakes—iron—
3 wooden
16 weeding hoes—
12 garden Co—
9 spades—
4 shovels—
2 malaces—
1½ axes—
12 cradles—
14 blades—old—
12 new—
4 wedges.
2 sheet fans—
1 cutting box—

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January 1st Tuesday — rained until mid-day — & cleared away warm — all hands measuring corn — we are without fire this evening —

" 2nd killed 14 hogs to-day — of the following weight, viz;

135	107*	95*	94	91	86	80	} 14
127	97*	95	94	90	80	69	} 1340 lbs.

* Mr. Turner's — average weight 95 2/3 nearly —

whole number killed 34 — total weight 3431 — average wt. 100.9 — 4 ploughs going —

5th — 5 ploughs on Thursday — 1 the last two days — all hands are beating out corn, 750 bushs. having been sold for $3.50 — we have had remarkably fine weather — windows & doors open all day for two days — & the therm. rising to 68° — hung up my pork yesterday for smoking —

9th — Wednesday — delivered 715 bush. corn to Capt. Bates, Sch. La Grange — Monday was a fine day — snowed the whole of yesterday — & thawed to-day, so that we have in sees — 5 ploughs going to-day — 1 calf fell this morning — 84 sheep & 10 lambs — hands grubbing —

" 14th — Monday — 5 ploughs on Thursday — on that day, it became cold — the mercury fell next morning to 18° — ice formed again — all hands cutting wood, making rails & grubbing — to day, the weather is moderate we are getting ice about 2 in. thick —

Jan: 18

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Jan: 18 – went on Tuesday to Haywood, leaving all hands getting ice – at night, rained heavily – the ice melted – next day was mild – yesterday it was again very cold – to-day, it moderated – returned home this morning – finished filling the ice-house to-day – one calf fell a day or two since –

" 22nd – Tuesday – clearing & cleaning up the hill side above King's run & making roads, & occasionally breaking out manure – have employed all hands for the last 10 days – there was a slight rain yesterday evening – the ice has again disappeared – killed a fine beef yesterday – wg. 555 lbs –

I have omitted to state, that we finished measuring corn on the 3rd

the whole crop is 1000 bbls – . . . 1000 bbls.

allowance of meal 2½ bushs. pr. week – 223½ bbls.
do for 11 males @ 8 bbls. . . . 88 "
do " overseer's house . . . 12 "
do " 3 mares @ 5 . . . 15 "
do " horse stable . . . 50 "
do " hogs . . . 30 " 418½ –
add 63 bbls. used before the 1st Jan: of the present crop 63 481½ –
leaving for sale – of the crop – . . . 519½
add mill toll – about . . 120½
640 bbls.

including of overseers 1/12th part –

24th – rained last night & the whole of to-day – 5 ploughs were going yesterday –

30th – Wednesday – since the rain of the 24th, it was too wet to plough until Monday – then & yesterday, 5 ploughs were going – to-day, it has

rained

rained hard since mid-day—

Feb: 1st— rained all day yesterday— another calf this morning— the carpenters— 4— were at Oakahoa four days last week, & the whole of this week— all hands are at the mill, levelling yard, making road— & inclosing a hog lot— had 9 days ploughing in Jan: mill made 69 bush. tale since 1st Jan: 1st— the old mill made last year 56 2/5 barrels— (282 bush.)— of which 48 4/5 bbls. were ground for farm allowance— used at my horse stable last year 44 3/10 bbls. of corn 42 bush. oats & 12 bush. bran—

" 5th— the last two or three days have been cold— a 4th calf for the Rev. instant— delivered yesterday 100 bbls. of corn to Capt. Red. Lieut. Gov. Shaley— 83 1/3 bbls. being my overseers share of the crop (sold @ 3$)—

" 9th— Saturday— on Wednesday 5 ploughs were running— that night became very cold with high wind— on Thursday & Friday mornings the mercury fell to 22°— the mill pond froze over— it moderated during yesterday & to-day was warm— finished the work at the mill yesterday— for several days 2 carts have been hauling stalks from the wheat field— all hands clearing— & the carpenters getting timber for a shop— & a small house in my yard— 31 lambs— 2 more calves to-day—

" 13th— Tuesday— 5 ploughs going yesterday & to-day— it rained hard this evening, with thunder & lightning—

Feb:

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Feb: 16th Snowed all day yesterday — the snow is about 2 in. deep.

" 17th — Tuesday — the snow disappeared on Sunday, it having rained gently in the morning — 5 ploughs going yesterday — rained last night & part of to-day very wet —

" 23rd — to-day has been as gentle & mild as May-day — the weather generally good since Sunday — 5 ploughs going since Wednesday — ploughing the hill side next the house —

" 26th Tuesday — Sunday night was very cold — therm. fell to 26° yesterday morning — there was ice this morning also — the ploughs were stopped several hours each day — we hauling stalks every suitable day from the wheat field — began yesterday, the fence at the mouth of Kay's run —

March 2nd — Saturday — on Thursday evening, snow began falling — it was cold & drizzly all day yesterday — to-day, the ground is covered with snow — & the therm. had stood at 22° all day — ploughed Wednesday & Thursday — ploughed 11 days in Feb: there are 45 lambs — the milk tolle made in Feb: is 63 bushels.

" 9th — Wednesday — the weather has continued very cold — on Sunday morning, the therm. was at 10° — some more snow fell last night — to-day, it has thawed — but the ground is still mostly covered — ice on the mill pond was 2 in. thick — getting rails for hog lot at the Dugan on Monday & Tuesday

Tuesday – to-day, clearing for the fence upon the line next Marders' Tract – women spreading manure – carpenters framing a shop –

March 9th Saturday – attended court 3 days – the weather has moderated gradually – killed a beef –

" 11th – a charming day – began to sow clover-seed – 5 ploughs started to-day – the whole field is now ploughed, middles excepted, except Hagg's run meadow – the point next the grave-yard & a small square near the barn – sowed early peas – & planted 5 rows of potatoes – a little snow is seen in sheltered places –

" 12th – sowed Early York & Drumhead cabbage, lettuce & celery seeds – planted 7 rows of onions –

" 16th Saturday – finished the fence on Hagg's run – ploughing in the meadow – fine weather – grafted 16 pears to-day – carpenters raised their shop – rained heavily on Thursday night –

" 20th Wednesday – finished making fence between Marders' & the Dogue – sowed 2½ rows beets & 5 of carrots – rained last night – & during to-day gently – it has fallen in torrents this evening –

" 25th Monday – after finishing the fence next Marders', began a hog-pen around the orchard at the Dogue – sowed 4 bushels oats at the Dogue on Friday & Saturday – put up 22 hogs caught in the woods. finished sowing clover seed on Thursday – rained last night – ploughs

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are breaking the middles — sowed radish seed — grafted pears & apples on Saturday —

April 1. Monday — began to plant corn on the 28th — it became very cold that night — on Saturday morning, there was ice — we have frosts every night — the weather is moderated — & delightful during the day — sowed beets, carrots & parsnips — mile bale in March 66 bushels.

" 6th — rained all day on Wednesday the 3rd the election was on Thursday — its result was, for Congress, Talifaferro 205 — Chism 31 — Senate, Dr. Crayton 157 — Belue 62 — H. of Del. Moore 135 — myself 86 — rained very heavily at night — on Saturday, began delivering corn to Sch. Neptune, Capt. Barrefa — 400 bbls. cob @ $3 —

" 8th — Monday — rained all day yesterday — showers to-day — the wheat looks very well — the 7th calf yesterday — carpenters began forming a house to be built in the yard — 79 sheep & 46 lambs —

" 10th — delivered 2110 ℔ (422 10/20 bbls) bushels corn — finished early this morning — sowed peas & tomatoes — planted cimblins & Lima beans & dressed the Nop-vines —

" 15th — weather has been cool for several days — frost the last few nights — therm. about 45° sowed red pepper & egg-plant — killed the 1st lamb on Saturday — 13th confirmed yesterday by Bishop Meade —

" 17th — rained last night — & most of to-day — planting sweet potatoes

& Irish

& Irish – Sowed cauliflower seed & pickling cucumber – planting corn in the road –

April 25th – went to Mt. Airy on the 18th & returned yesterday – rained gently all of to-day – my Mountain cow died last night of choke from eating clover – planting corn in meadow –

" 27th – finished planting corn yesterday, except in some new ground on Kay's run – & a small remnant cut near the barn – killed a lamb this morning – 49 remain – 79 old sheep –

May 4th – Saturday – finished planting corn – began tiding on the hill sides early in the week – rained moderately nearly the whole of to-day – killed 2 lambs this week – milk sold in April 55 barrels.

" 11th – tiding corn with 6 double ploughs – & all hands weeding all this week, except to-day, when they had holiday – we have had warm weather – on the 9th, the therm. was 78° – it has rained moderately yesterday & to-day – killed 2 lambs this week – 1 sheep died –

" 14th – Tuesday – showers Sunday, yesterday & to-day – have our first peas & strawberries to-day – Rattle has a colt – killed a lamb – replanting corn yesterday & part of to-day – marked 47 hogs –

" 17th – heavy showers on Wednesday, yesterday & to-day – the streams were much swollen yesterday – the meadow on Kay's run was completely inundated –

May

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May 30 – Thursday – went to Washington on the 18th & returned yesterday – it rained every day during our absence except Friday & Sunday last – Kay's new meadow has been twice inundated – the corn there & in the pond is laid in grass – too wet for weeding or ploughing – it has rained 20 days of this month – the corn fields are very foul & the wheat is injured materially by the scab – the early wheat especially – the mill dam escaped narrowly – Blaine had a colt on the 25th – two more calves – one a quarter Durham – last week – there are now 9 – sowed black-eyed peas & planted tobacco last week –

" 31 – another ¼ Durham calf – & the last – 10 calves in all – came yesterday – sheared 78 sheep today – there have been 52 lambs – 9 have been killed – 25 females & 18 males remain – 43 – 121 sheep & lambs – the ploughs are throwing dirt to the corn on the hill sides & in the cut near the mill field – mill toll during this month is 40½ bushels. 244 lbs. washed wool –

June 3rd Monday – some rain last night with high wind – we had snap beans. beets tomato to-day – planted celery – all hands weeding in the pond – & 10 single ploughs throwing dirt to the corn –

" 8th – showery on Thursday – also to-day. more frequent & heavy – ploughed Kay's new meadow the full time – hoes have been in the pond all the week – another calf – total 11 – the wheat is injured to great extent by scab – the early wheat especially – began to cut clover –

" 15th Saturday – it has been warm & dry for several days – thermometer ranging

ranging about 7 ft. have ploughed this week the oats near the barn — next the river — and have nearly reached the head of the pond — the hoes finished weeding & thinning Pond, meadow & new ground — planted fall potatoes during first of last & the present week — cutting clover — & put up 3 large stacks of hay — yesterday & part of today were occupied in cutting the early wheat near the machine barn —

June 20th Thursday — On Monday put up 3 stacks of the early wheat — finished ploughing Kagg's new meadow & hill side this morning — went thence into the pond — rained all day yesterday, which prevented us from cutting wheat — A cutters began this morning, but they were interrupted towards noon by frequent & very heavy showers — wheat is very ripe — the crop promises to be considerably below an average one — there are scab & smut — & the heads are badly filled — on Tuesday put up another stack of clover hay —

" 22nd Fanny's youngest child died on Thursday night — rained very hard that night, & yesterday showers fell thro' the day — 6 cutters recommenced to-day — & the rakers &c. followed a few hours after — put up 40 stocks — the ploughs broke out the middles of the new side to-day, & began on the nearest of the public road to run 4 furrows in the middles of the rows — killed a lamb yesterday — sheared sheep this morning —

" 24th the weather was unpromising this morning, but cleared

before

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1833. before midday — 9 cutters — all hands in the harvest field — put up 195 shocks — an old sheep died yesterday —

June 26th — 9 cutters yesterday & to-day — stacking from the swath — put up 2½ stacks bearded & 1½ purple straw yesterday — to-day ½ stack purple straw & 5½ stacks bearded wheat — carts & cutters follow together —

„ 27th — stacked 2 of bearded wheat — & 3 of purple straw — 4 ploughs going in the pond corn, so that the cutters went ahead of the carts —

„ 29th — put up 6 stacks of purple straw yesterday — about two hours before sunset, it began to rain & continued until this morning, which prevented our taking up wheat — 5 cutters went into the field after breakfast — all the ploughs & all hands in the corn field —

July 2nd — Tuesday — 5 cutters yesterday & to-day — finished cutting before midday — put up 5 stacks yesterday, and 5 to-day — 34 stacks — finished harvest this evening — 8 ploughs in the pond yesterday — to-day, 6 broke out the middles on the house hill side — & 2 cultivators followed — it is raining gently to-night — the harvest has been very cool & pleasant until this week — therm. was 84° yesterday & 86 to-day — mill made 55½ bushs. toll corn in June — 69 4/5 bbls. flour 1st Jan. to 1st July — killed 23 sheep during harvest — there remain 73 sheep — 39 lambs —

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the 2 yr. old quarter Durham — Molly — had a calf on the 30th —

July 8th — Monday — Since the rain on Tuesday night, we have had warm weather — yesterday, the therm was at 88° — ploughs & hoes were north of the C. N. road all last week — a sheep was gored on Saturday — drilled 10 rows of Ruta Baga this evening — light showers —

" 9th — Several fine showers early this morning — cut the oats at the Dogue — a fine lot but too thin —

" 13th — put up 2 stacks of oats on Thursday — killed a lamb yesterday — weather has been very warm all the week — therm. at 88° & to-day at 92° —

" 15th — Monday — we had a gentle rain with high wind last evening — barely sufficient to lay the dust.

" 17th — we have had cooler weather for several days — finished ploughing before breakfast this morning — & started 5 more cultivators — thin all — north of the public road — the hoes follow closely —

" 24th — Wednesday — finished with the cultivators before breakfast to-day — the weather has been oppressively warm for a week — therm. rose to 95½° at midday — killed a lamb on the 20th — the corn is suffering for want of rain —

" 26th — we had a very refreshing but not abundant rain yesterday — finished a division fence in the orchard of 127 panels, which the carpenters began before harvest — the hoes finished the corn this morning — & needed

the

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the road to the wharf —

July 30th — began threshing wheat yesterday morning — got out 98 bushs. & before breakfast this morning, the remainder of 3 stacks of early wheat — in all, 162 bushs. of early wheat for 18½ down — being 8¾ for 1 —

" 31st — got out 172 bushs. wheat — (64 early & 108 bearded —) yesterday — 3 stacks of bearded — Nancy had a colt last night — there was a slight shower in the night, which laid the dust — killed a lamb on the 29th — mile made 52 bushs. toll in July — quite cool this morning & evening —

August 1st — Thursday — got out only 80 bushs. yesterday, a wedge having entered the machine & broke it — 9 on sick list —

" 2nd — 105 bushs. yesterday — the machine broke again —

" 5th — Monday — got out 149 bushs. wheat on Saturday, making the week's work 777 bushs — Mrs. T. presented me a daughter on Saturday evening — B 7¾ — 4 on sick list — there were slight showers yesterday morning —

" 7th — 157 bushs. on Monday — 164 yesterday — 155 to-day —

" 8th — Fanny died this morning after a long illness —

" 10th — 107 bushs on the 8th — 148 yesterday — (and 115 to day — making the week's work 826 bushs — we have cool mornings — drought is excessive —

" 13th — Tuesday — 162 bushs. yesterday — (and 178 to-day — the old grey mare had a colt on the 9th —

August

August 14th — finished threshing wheat before breakfast this morning — the morning work & part of yesterdays — in fact one day — was 49 bushels, which, with 30 bush. shattered in stacking wheat — makes the whole crop from the machine, once run thro' the fan, to be 1982 dressed bushels — viz: 162 bush. early wheat (8 4/5 for 1 sown) 440 bearded (4.6 for 1) — and 1350 purple straw (7.4 for 1) — 30 shattered — whole crop — 6.7 for 1 — the machine averaged 141½ bushels — 3 of the days it worked only half of each — There is straw enough for between 3 & 4000 bushels ——

" 17th — made 15 bbls cider for vinegar during the three last days — 7 hands are ditching — the rest grubbing — fine showers passed near us yesterday — but our corn is burning up — went to Fredg. on the 15th & returned in the evening — 8 on the sick list ——

" 20th Tuesday — began to pull fodder to-day — 5 sick — none ill —

" 22nd rained gently last night — several showers to day — all hands grubbing except 9 ditching in Dogue meadow —

" 23rd — repeated heavy showers after midday — killed a lamb —

" 27th — delivered to Messrs. Wm. Bell & Wm. 1510½ bush. wheat weighing 1412 bush. average wt. 56 — began to put it aboard after midday yesterday finished this evening at dark — there was a strong earthquake this morning about 7 o'clock —

Sept. 3rd killed a fat sheep on the 1st we have had very cool nights

for

for a week or so — Sunday was a warm day — therm. at 90° — went to Fredg yesterday — pulled fodder with all hands since the 27th put up 6 stacks yesterday — there are 12 on the sick list — ice gave out to-day —

Sept 5th — therm. 94° to-day — several refreshing showers in the evening —

" 7th — Maria (young) was delivered of a girl yesterday — put up 5 stacks of fodder yesterday & 4 to-day —

" 10th put up 2 stacks fodder yesterday finished early to-day pulling all except the meadow — began to cut tops —

" 14th — cutting tops until to-day — put up 5 stacks of fodder — 20 stacks in all — & a considerable quantity ~~in all~~ in the barn loft — very dry & cool nights — we have fire morning & evening —

" 18th Wednesday — finished cutting tops this eve — gathered chace apples.

Oct 5th Saturday — left home on the 14th ult. & cleared this morning — appreciably warm on the 19th

There were showers on the 21st (and on the 1st instant — after covering 2 fan-pears, put up 20 stacks of top fodder — began to sow wheat on Monday 30th — sowed 14 bush. early wheat in Kay's meadow & 13 bush. on the hill sides — there was frost this morning — gathering apples

" 8th — frost again on the 6th — showers yesterday — rained thro' the night very heavily early this morning — the ground is in fine order now for sowing —

" 12th Saturday — it has rained mostly through the day &c

now

now at night it is raining heavily — sowing in the pond this week the cut to the northeast of the pond — sowed 30 bush. last week & 31 this week —

Oct. 24th — went to Maryland on the 14th & returned this evening — rained on the 16th (and very heavily on the 20th, 21st & part of the 22nd sowed last week 16½ bushels of early wheat, 6 bushels of purple straw & ½ of golden chaff from Cokesbury (and 16½ bushels of purple straw — put up 12 hogs in the fattening pen on the 19th the whooping cough is prevailing among the children —

„ 26th — put up 8 hogs yesterday — sowed this week 6 bushels of early wheat (and 22½ bushels of purple straw — put up 5 hogs to-day — the rains have retarded sowing — & the ground still remains rather wet — sowing the river side cut — an ox died a day or two since —

„ 28th — Monday — sowed 12½ bush. wheat to-day — 8 ploughs, 2 rakes & 2 trowel hoes running — 12 in all — 10 only have been at work until to-day — killed a mutton yesterday for the out-hands —

„ 29th — the ground was white with snow at daylight it snowed & rained for an hour or two this morning — the therm. at night is 39° — was 46° at midday — finished sowing the river-side-cut early — 36½ bush. are sowed in it — sowed 10 bushels to-day — sowing north of the railroad

„ 30th — there was ice this morning — sowed 15 bushels wheat —

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Oct. 31st Martha, (colored) married youngest child 15 months old died this morning, of inflammation of the throat and whooping cough

Nov. 1st. Friday — sowed 15½ bushels yesterday & 17½ to-day — Miles tole in August 39 bushels — in Sept. 22, & in Oct. 50½ bushels — Polly's youngest child aguil aged 18 months — died of whooping cough to-day —

" 2nd sowed 13 bushels to-day — making 83½ bushels sown this week — fine weather yesterday & to-day —

" 5th Tuesday — rained, hailed & snowed by turns yesterday but not so much as to stop sowing wheat — sowed 15 bush. yesterday & 15 to-day — we have nearly reached the bottom of the hill — weather fine & cool to-day — killed a mutton for the hands on the 3d

" 7th Sara, 3 years of age, Fanny's child, died this morning, after a week's illness, of bilious intermittent & worms, aggravated by whooping cough — this last disease prevails severely among the children —

" 8th sowed 13 bush. on the 6th 13½ on the 7th and 8 to-day — this falling off arises from sowing on thin land — have now finished all the field except the hill side — began next the rice house this evening — gathering the corn running a furrow for the stalks, upon which the dirt is thrown — it is then sown — ploughed in & harrowed level — this mode of sowing makes the hill side less liable to wash — killed a beef to-day —

" 9th rained gently most of to-day, which prevented the finishing

of

finishing off our wheat sowing —

Nov. 12th Tuesday — finished sowing wheat at midday — the mode of sowing the hill side was slow & detained us longer than I expected — sowed 5½ bush. on Saturday — 5½ yesterday and 2 to day, making the whole crop sown 29½ bushels, viz: 8 early wheat, 6 of purple straw & 4 of golden chaff from Cockburn, and 200½ of purple straw — of the early wheat, 14 bush. were sown in Hay's new meadow & 22 on the hill side, & 29 in the 7 pond cuts, viz: 5½ next Mr. Hartley's fence, 4½ next the stubble field — 23½ in the four middle cuts — & 16½ in the long cut south of the main ditch — 10 bush. from Cockburn & 22 purple straw sowed the adjoining cut & the cuts near the barn & quarters — 36½ in the river side cut — 68 from the stubble field to opposite the old quarter slash, the rows crossing the C. N. road to Mr. Hartley's road — 46 thence to the foot of the hill below the ice house — 15 south of the C. N. road to the old quarter slash and 13 on the hill side —

according to the following diagram, viz:

1. 4 0 1 3 r. 00 po:
2. 71. 1. 29
3. 63. 2. 25
4. 37. . .
5. 19. 1.
6. 23. 2. 07
7. 16. 1. 31
8. 10. 2. 09
9. 11. 2. 12 — 302 acres —

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Nov. 22nd Friday — the nights of the 20th & 21st were very cold — there was much ice & mercury fell to 29° at daride — last night there was a fine warm rain — the weather is more moderate — have been hauling in corn since the 8th — have finished the hill sides, meadow & cut next the river, with the cuts near the barn — 5 hands are ploughing in the Ayre meadow — & 2 ploughs following the pond for oats — attended the Agricultural Meeting in Pdg on the 14th & 15th — removed the stocks to the Farm: pen a week ago —

„ 26th — yesterday was a rainy day — measuring corn with all hands — a calf dropped on the 24th —

„ 30th — the weather has been remarkably fine and mild since Monday 25th — to day, it has rained gently — put up 3 hogs on the 28th making 28 fattening hogs — mill toll 43 bushels this month —

Dec. 4th Wednesday — we have had gloomy, murky weather for several days — it rained on Monday after midday — and hard all night — there are 96 sheep & 1 lamb —

„ 9th Monday — the sun was seldom seen all last week — on Saturday night, it rained very heavily — but the weather cleared about midday yesterday — put 2 more hogs in the pen on Saturday — 30 in all — finished following in the pond on Saturday — making crab cider Friday, Saturday & to-day — 5 bbls.

„ 12th rained again early on Monday night — to-day, we finished

finished hauling corn from the field — put 2 hogs in the fattening pen making 32 — killed a beef — there was much ice on the mill pond this morning — another calf this morning —

Decr. 14th Saturday — it has snowed hard all day —

" 17th Tuesday — snowed all Saturday night — the wind being high, it drifted, but it may have averaged about 8 inches on a level — snowed again yesterday at intervals — towards evening, began to rain — rained violently with very high wind all last night — and very little snow was to be seen this morning — the mill was in great danger from high water — the pond & the meadows were overflowed — the freshet in the mill pond and Dogue run was higher than that of last spring — all hands were breaking the public road to-day —

" 19th rained nearly all day yesterday — quite hard at times — 2 stack sheep died — probably, from eating ivy, being young & in good order —

" 20th killed 20 hogs this morning — weighing as follows, viz:

252	179	152	144	118	103	94
193x	170	151	127	110x	102x	93
190	165	144	120x	112	99	

2824 lbs. aver. 141 1/5 lbs.

" 23rd Monday — measuring corn last week with most of the hands — the rest were cutting wood — the sun has been seen seldom since the 1st inst. — yesterday was a delightful, sunny day — returned from Rad, where I went on Friday — to-day has been raw & threatening — and it is

now

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snow, at night, raining steadily and quite hard—

Dec. 30. Monday — after four days of holiday, recommenced work with measuring corn & hauling wood — the last three days have been very fine — this day began with snow, which soon changed to rain and it had drizzled the whole day —

" 31 — removed the gate & made a fence in the field towards the coach house — 3 ploughs began at the Dogue — mill toll 52 bushels this month — making for the whole year 121½ barrels of corn, of which 483½ bushels (96⁷⁄₁₀ bbls) have been ground for the allowance of the farm — 27½ bushels ground into honey, and 96½ bushels (19³⁄₁₀ bbls) fed to mill hogs —

Inventory for 1854.

Males.

Carpenters.

		age.
1. Joe		30
2. Anthony		69
3. Lewis		44
4. Henry		24.
5. Tom	5.	17

Miller.

6. Simpson	1.	62.

Shoemaker & Gardener.

7. Bile	1.	30

Blacksmiths.

8. Jerd		37.
9. Isac - strikes	2	13.

Jobbers.

10. Moses		39
11. Henry	2	18.

House Servants.

12. Sam		28.
13. John		13
14. Gewan - cook		18.
15. Haddens - carriage driver		28
16. Tom - stable-boy	5.	7.

Crop hands.

17. Henry - foreman		57.
George		

Males.

		age.
18. George		65.
19. Conway		57.
20. George - cartman		38.
21. Lewis - ploughman		37.
22. William - cartman		34.
23. Jim - Dogue		33.
24. Dick		32.
25. Saunders		28.
26. Ralph		28.
27. Simon		28.
28. Jim		22.
29. Charles		20.
30. John - cart-driver		16.
31. Frederick	15.	13.
32. Reuben		9.
33. Billy - Sew. & to overseer		17.

Invalids.

34. Moses		71.
35. Spencer	2	66.

Females

House Servants.

1. Maria		31
2. Charlotte		10
3. Fanny - milker		24
Mary - (Miss Lomax's		

Weaver.

4. Hannah	1	23
Spinner -		

Inventory for 1834.

Females

		age.
Spinners.		
5. Fanny		75.
6. Lucy - mate		63
7. Annie		49
8. Grace		41
9. Phyllis - mate	5	13.
Corn-hands.		
10. Milly - cook		56.
11. Eliza		56.
12. Andy		56.
13. Judy cook & weaver		48.
14. Polly		34.
15. Becky		33.
16. Mary		32.
17. Molly		27.
18. Nancy		25.
19. Sophy		20.
20. Maria		20.
21 Eliza	12.	14.

Children.

		age.
Becky's (Israel's wife).		
1. Meredith		9.
2. Eliza		7.
3. Israel		5.
4. Peggy	1.	2.
Polly's (Lewis' wife)		
5. Rachel		10.
6. Nancy		9.
7. Fanny		6.
8. Betsy	4.	4.
Mary's (George's wife)		
9. Judy		6
10. Rosa	2.	3
Hannah's (Joe's wife)		
11. John		6
12. Joe		4
13. Lizzy	3	1
Maria's (Lewis wife)		
14. Mildred	1.	5
Grace's (Moses' wife)		
15. Isabella	1.	4.
Molly's		
16. Jerry	1.	6.
Nancy's (Jim's wife)		
17. Edward		6.
18. Sarah Ann		4.
19. Jane		2.
20. Robert	4.	infc.
Maria's		
21. Georgiana	1	infc.
22. John William - Maria's g. child		5.

Fanny

Inventory for 1834.

Recapitulation

Carpenters		5.
Miller		1.
Shoemaker		1.
Blacksmiths		2.
Jobber		2.
House servants		
Male	5	
Female	3.	8.
Weaver		1.
Spinner		5.
Crop-hands	Male 17.	
	Female 12.	29.
Broaldis		2.
Children		22.
Total		78

Stock &c.

		age and grafs.
Horses. carriage	2.	11 yrs old.
Saddle.		
Red Rover	6	"
Roses	5	" 4.
Brood mares		
Veronica blooded	4	"
Old gray		old
Flirt bay	6	"
Blaze head	9	"
Rattle chestnut	9	" 5.
1 Jack	4	"
Plough teams.		
1 mule		old
5 mules		do.
6 do	8	"
Colts.		
1 mule	2	"
3 colts	1	"
Work oxen 14		
1 Bull ½ Durham 2 yrs old in October		

Births in 1834.

Hannah Jan: 18. of a girl

Maria horse Mar 29. " " girl

Deaths

Ulice aged 56 Mar 27 of asthma & dropsy

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January 1st. Wednesday — 3 ploughs running at the Coque — the rest of the hands cutting a ditch in the lower part of the pond — 93 sheep & 3 lambs —

" 2nd. rained hard early this morning — the rain continued thro' the day gently, which kept me from court — weather in consequence —

" 6th. Monday — the weather cleared up cold on Friday morning at daybreak the thermr was 22°. at 10 A.M. at 29°. — on Saturday, at 20° & yesterday 18° at 6 A.M. — this morning at 10 A.M. getting ready to fill the ice-house — at the ditch Friday & Saturday — snowed all day Sunday —

" 7th. Thermr. 9°. this morning the rain is frozen over — the ice for the ice-house is over 3 in. thick —

Crop of corn of 1833 measured			8818½ bbls
Allowance of meal 20 bushels pr. week	208 bbls.		
" for 11 mules & 1 horse @ 8 bbls.	96 "		
" " overseer's horse	12 "		
" " 2 plough mules @ 5	10 "		
" " 1 [illegible] mule	3 "		
" " stable at house	50 "		
" " dogs	30 "	409 bbls.	
Used for allowance, per dogs &c. before 1st. Jan. of this crop		73½	482½ "
			400 "
Add mill toll estimated at			120 "
leaving for sale, including of overseer, 1/12th part			526 bbls.

Jan:

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Jan: 9th the weather moderated so much yesterday & to-day, that we stopped getting ice, and returned to the pond ditch — hauled 127 loads to the ice house on the 7th & 8th shipped on board the sloop Eleanor, Capt. Walker, to Mess. Wm. Bell & Bros, 44¾ bush. wheat 41 bush. by weight, av. 55 lbs — the whole crop of wheat is now ascertained to have been as follows, viz:

1510½ bush. shipped Aug. 27, av. 56 lbs. wg 1412 bushs.
44¾ " " " , av. 55 " " 41 "
286½ " down . . . av. 57 " " 272 "

1841¾ bush. weighing (av. 56¼) 1725 bushs., the quantity by measure, being little short of an average crop, but weighing very light in consequence of the injury sustained by the heavy rains in May — the crop of corn was lessened about one fifth of an average (for the last 10 years) by the same rains followed by an excessive drought —

" 11th it has rained the whole of yesterday & to-day — the ice is broken up and the snow nearly all disappeared —

" 13th cleared away last night — finished the pond ditch to-day —

" 18th Saturday — Hannah was delivered of a girl this morning — fencing since Monday next Fitchburgh, south — the walling was in very bad order, being 10 yrs. old & never thoroughly mended until now — 3 are ditching in Jeyne's meadow — carpenters getting rails — rained nearly all day yesterday the ice & frost all gone — ther. rose to 56° to-day — and we are sitting this

evening

evening without fire—

Jan 21. Tuesday—it rained on Sunday night—and snowed all last night with high wind—the snow is much drifted and may average 6 in. on a level—Ther. is 24° to-night—all hands getting wood to-day—a calf fell last night—

" 25. Saturday—very cold since Tuesday, the ther. being at sunrise generally at 18°—and once at 16°—hauling ice on Thursday, yesterday & part of to-day, when we finished filling the ice-house—224 loads of ice have been hauled to it—began on Wednesday to cut brick wood—carpenter getting a frame for a quarter—it has been snowing all the evening.

" 27. Ther. 14° this morning—killed 13 hogs weighing as follows:

141	115	100	82	43
139	114×	91	62	
128	107	86	53	1261 lbs. average 97 lbs. making in all

33 hogs weighing 4085—av. 123⅞ lbs—

Feb. 1st. Saturday—rained the latter part of Thursday—and it was very mild yesterday—the snow had thawed very much—to-day, it has rained, hailed and snowed—and all night it is snowing very hard with high wind—all hands, except the jobbers, who are cutting wood, have been cutting & mauling rails and clearing in the lower part of the Indian meadow—the mill made 75 bbls. of toll in January—

1834 Feb: 3rd the snow averages between 12 & 18 inches deep — 1 sheep & 6 lambs have died during this inclement weather — and another calf fell —

" 8th the weather has been very moderate since the snow, which has melted very rapidly — fencing between the Dogue fields & hauling out manure this week — killed a fatted cow on the 4th — wg 32 lbs —

" 10th rained moderately all last night —

" 15th the snow has all melted — yesterday & to-day were quite warm — fencing all the week — thunder & lightning this evening — we have no fires —

" 22nd rained all Monday & Wednesday — having finished the outer Dogue fence, 6 ploughs were running yesterday & to-day — very mild — & the wheat looks finely —

March 1st Saturday — rained hard on Monday night — became very windy & cold next night & Wednesday — & the weather is now very fine — 6 ploughs running all this week — wheat looks well — 42 cords of brush wood are cut — hauling out manure with 3 carts all the week — milk toll in Feb: 14½ pounds. the bad roads have reduced the toll so much —

" 5th planted to-day 7 rows of potatoes & 1 row of peas — ploughed the Dogue meadow this week — began to sow clover seed yesterday — there was ice on Monday morning —

" 8th rained hard on the night of the 5th & to-day had been showery —

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the weather has been like that of spring for several days — the Bind-
ers carpenters &c came to-day to assist in getting timber for my
house — wheat begins to look well —

March 11th Tuesday — rained all day —

" 22nd Saturday — went to Washington on the 14th & returned 20th —
the weather has been very mild until yesterday — there was ice in the kettles
this morning & to-day was very cold — finished sowing 7 bushels clover seed on
the 17th — sowed 21 bushels oats early in this week — from 4 bushels sown made 117 p —
a cow died a few days since & died — but also a sheep — carpenters finished
cutting timber on the 20th only 2 carpenters from binder this week —

" 25th Tuesday — rained to-day in heavy showers — hands are
fencing — sowed various garden seeds last week —

" 29th rained moderately most of yesterday — ploughing and
fencing this week — carpenters sawing timber — weather has been cool —
hyday yesterday & to-day — a calf fell to day —

" 31st Monday — there was ice yesterday morning — the peach
trees are in full bloom — smile total for March is 61 inches.

April 1st rained hard last night, & cleared away mild —

" 3rd showery yesterday — trimming the cedar hedge to-
day — another calf on the 1st killed 1st lamb yesterday —

" 5th Saturday — began yesterday to split the beds below

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the public road for planting corn — finished to day a fence about a mile and a half long from Meredes' land, down the dogue run to the line between the dogue & Cherry point — and up this line to the first cross fence — weather cold for several days —

April 7th — Monday — we have had a tremendous rain it began on Saturday night — continued throughout yesterday & last night — and cleared away this morning — the pond & both meadows were overflowed — a fine young steer died this morning — it was badly bruised —

" 9th — began to plant corn today — lost a fine cow last night with colic — light showers today — cold & wet weather has retarded planting.

" 11th — rained all day — the carpenters stopped sawing timber to repair the middle-gate at the mill, which was badly washed by the late heavy rains — the market was extremely high — 8 pt. on the wharves at Fredericksburg on Monday — strong pleaster during this wet weather — the effect upon clover was very obvious of the pleaster which was sown last spring near the mill —

" 15th — Neb joined the carpenters to day — the 2 carpenters from Windsor mill return home in the morning — fine weather — planting corn since Saturday — planted about 5/10 bushels of sweet potatoes — cribbed and sowed parsnips, beets, carrots, radish & peas —

" 19th Saturday — finished to day the tumbling down of logs which

which I have placed in lieu of a trunk only 2½ ft. wide that proved insufficient — the passage is now 9 ft. 8 in. in front & 11 ft. outside — the weather has been fine this week — the apple trees are in bloom — and the wheat is growing — there is an unusual quantity of the shepherds purse or Mary weed in our wheat —

April 23. Wednesday yesterday was very warm — therm. 85° — we had a refreshing shower to-day — began to mould bricks on Monday — one of the young calves died to-day —

"26th — we had a severe frost last night — finished planting corn on the high land early to-day & went into the meadow, which was ploughed afresh before planting — carpenters sawing — had Nat from Pokeabrow 5 days last week — and all of this week — hauling 20000 ft. of plank from the river —

May 3rd Saturday — on Sunday last, there was some ice & very severe frosts on Monday & Tuesday — the corn was badly killed, & the tender leaves showed its effects, but the vegetables were not killed — planting corn in the Dogue meadow & hill sides — sawing all the week — had Nat from Pokeabrow — hauling joists &c from the woods — excessively dry — the dust was merely laid by a slight shower yesterday — it court the three past days was a witness in the

case

1834 case of Washington vs. R. C. Taylor — my testimony was that "a few days before last March Court, I crossed the Winder mill dam — observing that the water was very high in the pond — that it was as full as it could well be — the saw-mill & mill both grinding & water wasting over the flood-gates — after a short time, without dismounting from my horse, proceeded to Mr. Washington's mill — the mill was not grinding — there were some workmen employed in repairing the siling of the wheel — the rim of the wheel was not under water by 2 or 3 inches — there was a gentle downward current from the tail-race" — the jury were discharged without agreeing —

May 6th Tuesday — had a fine rain yesterday — set out cabbage plants to-day — sowing plaster upon last Spring's clover — began siding corn with double ploughs —

" 10th had several heavy showers on Thursday & again yesterday weather cool — heaping out corn the two last days — finished sawing timber for joists and rafters on Tuesday — removed the wing of the house on Wednesday — planting black-eyed peas to-day — worm is cutting the corn badly —

" 14th Wednesday carpenters finished sawing locust sills & some poplar plank yesterday & began to put up Stan's house — began to dig foundation for the house — heaping out corn until mid-day —

the

the weather continues uncomfortably cold & unseasonable — some crops of wheat in the neighborhood are much injured by fly — mine is partially affected — planted potatoes the three last days — and black-eye peas —

May 17 Saturday — Severe frost the two last days — there was a thin coat of ice yesterday — finished early yesterday planting 4 or 5 acres of new ground in the lower part of the Dogue meadow — siding corn with double ploughs — weeding & thinning — the corn-field of the present year consists of the two former home & quarter fields at the Dogue — the latter has not been in corn since 1829, nor the former since 1830 —

" 19th — had our first dish of strawberries to-day warm —

" 24th — this week has been warm & dry — delivered over 400 bbls. corn yesterday & to-day on board the Sch. Shamrock, Capt. Cornell — it is sold to Mr. Crump for 87½ ¢ — siding corn behind the Dogue garden —

" 27th Tuesday — rained heavily on Sunday night — finished before mid-day delivering 500 bbls. corn — rained moderately all the afternoon — & last night until to-day at mid-day —

" 29th yesterday was a raw drizzling day — went to Hay & returned in the evening — cleared at midday to-day but clouded up again

1833 again at night — the following is a statement of my corn account —

Crop of corn measured in January		888½ bbls.
added before 1st Jan.		73½ "
corn on hand January 1. 1834		815 bbls.
In the barn	585 bbls.	
" " corn house	230 "	815 "

Corn delivered from the barn, viz:

		bbls.	bs.
26 May	shipped on board Sch: Shamrock, Carroll	495.	2½
	sold Messrs. Oldham & Jeffery	4.	0
	" do Bastille		3½
22 Feb:	sold to mill for allow. to date	16.	2½
7 Apr.	do. do do	21.	2¾
24 May	do. do. do.	12. 0.	50. 0¼
23 "	do house stable. do.	19.	2½
	fed to sheep during the winter	1.	0
5 Apr.	corn for seed.	1. 0.	71. 2¾
26 May.	fed to mules, mares & colts, & hogs.		26. 1¾
			598. 3½
	corn in barn by 1st measurement	585.	
	overrun		13. 3½

Crop of 1833. . . bbls. 902. 1

May 30 — cloudy this morning, but cleared at midday marked 22 ewe & 6 ram lambs — and sheared 79 sheep, whose fleeces weighed 370 lbs., damp & in the dirt — 2 sheep missing — last year, an ewe lamb was sheared of 1½ lbs. wool — the same gave a larger fleece this year than either of three selected at the best fleeces of last years lambs — showing no correct advantage in shearing the lambs which are well

well grown —

June 3d Tuesday — went to a Hay Festival in Fredg. on Saturday — it rained all the evening & very hard at night — cleared on Sunday — returned home yesterday — mowing roads yesterday — to-day, weeding in Dogue meadow — ploughs in the cut next the lower gate —

" 5th rained very heavily yesterday after dinner — there was some hail — to-day is quite cool — thinning & setting corn —

" 7th the ground is still wet — ploughs & cultivators running in the highest & driest places — warm again — wheat has improved very much, but it shows symptoms of the scab — the fatal disease of the last year —

" 9th Monday — the m. 88° to day at 2 P.M. and 80° at 9 P.M. had our first dish of French beans to-day, & of onions yesterday —

" 11th had some heavy showers yesterday evg. the ploughs finished tuning corn early this morning — & began throwing dirt to the drill corn on the hill side west of the quarters — hoes finished weeding all except the drill corn between the quarters and Lee's field — cart hauled 23 cords wood in 38 loads to the brick kiln the 4 last days —

" 14th Monday — cloudy & showery all of yesterday — much rain last night — had beets a day or two since & potatoes yesterday

June

1834

June 17th — drizzling showers till midday — ploughing & weeding corn in the Rogue meadow, which is now in fine order for work —

" 18th — some more rain last night — a heavy gale passed to the north of us — the heavens were in a flame of lightning —

" 19th — a shower this evening — 4 ploughs throwing dirt to the corn west of the public road — finished weeding Rogue meadow & hill side —

" 20th — it rained prodigiously hard about half an hour at noon to-day — began to cut the early wheat with 6 cutters to-day — this wheat is indifferent & seems unsuited to hill sides, unless they are very rich — in the meadow, it is filled with cheat, especially near the lower gate, where it was flooded in Oct. last —

" 21st — another heavy rain fell about 2 o'clock to-day — 5 cutters to-day — cut the meadow, but the rain prevented us from finishing the hill-side — wheat thin & much mixed — the grain of the early wheat is very good —

" 23rd — 5 cutters to-day — finished the hill side & a small cut adjoining before breakfast — went thence near Mr. Threshly's gate — finished the cut below it and nearly a square in the pond — a slight rain interrupted us this evening — the wheat is better than we had last cut, but it is thin for the land & has a good deal of cheat in it — fine

was

was put to the brick-kiln on Saturday evg. 21st — have hauled to it 73 cords of wood up to this evening — the wood was very convenient, Mr. Thrasher having permitted me to cut it close by my gate — began about midday to get up wheat — put up part of one stack —

24th — 5 cutters to-day — between 3 & 4 P.M. a black cloud came in the harvesters left — rained about 4 hours —

25th — 4 cutters to day — one of the Bartlettes brick-yard hands cut about half the day — still in the pond — the rain of yesterday prevented taking up wheat until midday — have put up nearly 4 stacks — hauled 5 cords of wood, making 78 in all, to the brick kiln —

26th — 6 cutters to-day — finished the pond early — began about midday to take up wheat & soon finished the meadow — then the hill sides & adjoining cuts, down with 36 bush. early wheat, make about 5 large stacks — the ploughs have been running every morning for several hours — very warm —

27th — 7 cutters to day — 8 hard of to-day — have put up 8 stacks (one pair of two more — cut the wheat on the lights land to-day — a cool, pleasant day — killed the 2nd matter this morning —

28th — 8 cutters to day — a heavy shower early this morning — cloudy all day — & a torrent of rain poured down this evening —

30th — another hard rain for half an hour or so yesterday evening —

1834. 7 cutters to-day — cutting below the public road (am river since 10 o'clock. all the wheat is cut to the north (am west of the middle road except the horse hole & a part of the pond — there are 10 stacks of early wheat (am two of purple straw — twas too wet to take up before mid-day —

July 1st — Tuesday — 7 cutters to day — a fine warm clear finishing early in the evening near the river, a heavy rain fell for about half an hour — it has now rained 6 days of the 10 since we began cutting — finished taking up the early wheat — there are 12 stacks of it (am will be 13 — 3 of the Baptists' hands cut yesterday & 3 to-day — killed a mutton this morning —

" 4th — 7 cutters as yesterday — 4 yesterday & 4 to-day — there are 13 stacks of early red wheat — 1 of golden chaff (fine wheat but there is drake or darnel in it) — & 8 of purple straw — yesterday was most exceedingly warm — therm. 90° — there was a very heavy rain last night — it poured — another cloud passed over us to day & gave us a heavy shower, keeping us out of the harvest field during dinner —

" 5th — 4 cutters this morning — we finished at noon — put up 4 stacks to-day — there are now 27 in all — we had a moderate shower about 1 P.M. bricklayers began to lay bricks for the new house —

" 7th — put up 7 stacks to-day — very warm —

8th

8th July — there are 38 stacks this evening — the excessive heat of to day — therm. 91° — distressed the teams & hands — & delayed us very much —

9th — started 7 ploughs in the corn field to day — the rain have thrown us back in cultivating corn, the land having been generally too wet to plough — the meadows are drowned — & grass is growing rapidly — put up 4 stacks to-day —

10th — one of the men died from the excessive heat of yesterday — to-day, there had been a favorable change in the weather, and we finished early in the evening the most laborious harvest I have ever had — put up 3 stacks, making the whole number of stacks 45 — which ought to average 50 bushels — making the crop of wheat about 2250 bushels.

12th — 6 ploughs & 3 cultivators yesterday — we are laying by the corn back of the shop & Rogue garden, which is very fine — cut down the oats with 5 cutters to-day — the lower part of the pond root the wheat was in oats, which produced a good crop —

14th a Sunday — yesterday was a kneeling day, so that the oats were too wet to take up this morning — 7 ploughs & 3 cultivators running — the ploughs are in the oats near the water gate —

16th 5 ploughs & 2 cultivators yesterday — the other hands were taking up oats — finished hoeing beetfall this morning — put up 4 stacks — 10 ploughs to day — in oats No. 3 — we had a fine, moderate rain this evening,

which

1834. which must be of much benefit to the corn, especially where it has been freshly worked—

July 18th— we had a fine rain yesterday evening—

" 19th— yesterday was a rainy day— 10 ploughs going to-day— the ground is in fine order for work— the corn is improving rapidly & promises well—

" 24th Thursday— finished ploughing the Bogue meadow early this morning, we had in the ploughs— 3 cultivators going yesterday— 5 to-day, followed by the hoes on the hills sides above Bogue run— we had a gentle rain on Monday night— drain is again desireable— yesterday was extremely warm— Ther. 89° & no breeze— Ther. to-day was 90°— a gale with high sea passed close to the South of us this evening— below is a diagram of the corn field of the present year—

49.1.00	
33.0.00	
24.2.00	
23.0.00	129.3.00
12.0.00	8.2.20
5.3.00	17.3.00
2.2.00	
4.3.00	
17.3.15	
19.3.34	
7.1.18	
5.0.00	57.3.27
acres—	214.0.07

" 26th— the weather continued excessively warm and dry— there were

were I cultivator going to day — the hoes are on the hill-side west of the public road —

29th July Wednesday — Ther. was 91° on Sunday — this evening there was a slight shower —

1st August Friday — the heat has moderated for several days. the cultivators finished yesterday — the hoes also in the meadow, but to-day they are engaged in cutting the bushes in the back part of the field — the other hands are engaged in cleaning up & preparing to start the wheat machine — to-morrow all have holiday —

2nd " we had several refreshing showers in the early part of to-day — but they were partial — in the corn field at the Sugar, the dew was not laid —

4th " Night — began to thrash wheat to-day — (and commenced following near the machine with the ox sled) — got out 114 bushels. when the machine broke out 3 bars of the round — 2½ stacks —

6th " got out 124 bush. — 2½ stacks — yesterday — and 136 bush. 3 stacks — to-day — very warm —

11th " Monday — got out 141 bush. on the 7th 178 on the 8th and 185 on the 9th, making for the week 878 bush. the stacks got out 9 — 3 on the 7th & 4 on the 8th & 9th Ther. 91° to-day — we had a fine shower yesterday evening, which continued about 20 minutes —

12th

1811.

12th Augt — a cloud passed over us last night — some rain fell — this day has been the warmest we have had this season — the therm. stood at 94° for 2 or 3 hours —

„14th — very warm — therm. 92° yesterday — the wheat machine broke yesterday soon after 1 o'clock, nearly the whole day — a cloud came over early in the night — some more rain fell — at noon to day we had a severe gust of wind and rain — it poured in torrents for half an hour or more — the occasion real is stated very much — there was some hail — a great deal of corn is laid prostrate & much broken off; the fodder is materially injured —

„18th — Monday — the work of the machine last week, was as follows, viz: 11th 154 bush. 4 stacks — 12th 186 bs. 3 sts. 13th 34 bs. 1/2 st. (machine broke) 14th 108 bs. 1 st. (rain) — 15th 130 bs. 2 sts. 16th 114 bs. 1 1/2 sts. total 671 bush. 12 stacks — the average pr. day was 114.9 bush., allowing 4 1/2 days work & 1 1/2 lost by breakage & rain — to-day, threshed a stack of golden chaff wheat, which yielded 61 bushs. from 4 bush. sown on about four acres or 1/8th of corn land, part of which was poor — the rest had been manured & grown in cotton three years ago — 2 ploughs following last week —

„23rd finished threshing wheat yesterday — on the 18th 144 bush. & 11 stacks, 19th 174 bs. 3 sts. 20th 144 bs. 2 sts. 21st 123 bs. 2 1/2 sts. 22d 165 bs. 2 1/2 sts. total 750 bush. 14 stacks — average pr. day 150 bushs. — total crop

crop, was once thro' the fans 2249 bush. the average work of the machine 15 p day was 148 bushels — the produce of the whole crop was 7.7 for 1 down — 295 p having been down — 2 ploughs following all the week — 6 at work to day —

30th Augt — Shipped this week on board the Sloop Geo: Washington, Capt. Broughton, to Richmond, 1786 bushels of wheat, weighing on an average, by my balances, about 57¼ lbs — weather very dry & cool — 5 ploughs following this week — began yesterday to pull fodder —

3d Sept. Wednesday — rained hard on Sunday night — was showery on Monday — rained hard all night — & continued showery and misty until to day — grubbing —

5th. After raining hard 24 hours, cleared off finely at midday —

8th — Several heavy showers fell at noon to-day — too wet to plough since noon on Thursday until to day — 2 ploughs following —

13th Saturday — Securing fodder this week — put up 8 stacks of blade — 2 ploughs following — cool weather since the rains — we have fires morning & evening —

19th — rained moderately nearly all day yesterday — & this has been a damp drizzly day — put up 5 more stacks of blade fodder before the rains set in — 4 ploughs following —

27th Saturday — went to Mt Airy with my family on Saturday

Sept.

1834 hill, I returned alone to day — cutting tops, & pulling fodder & gathering apples during the week — 4 ploughs following — finished — by mistake, followed one week longer than I intended — rained on Wednesday, 24th

29th September — rained moderately all day yesterday — to day was clear and cool — pulling fodder —

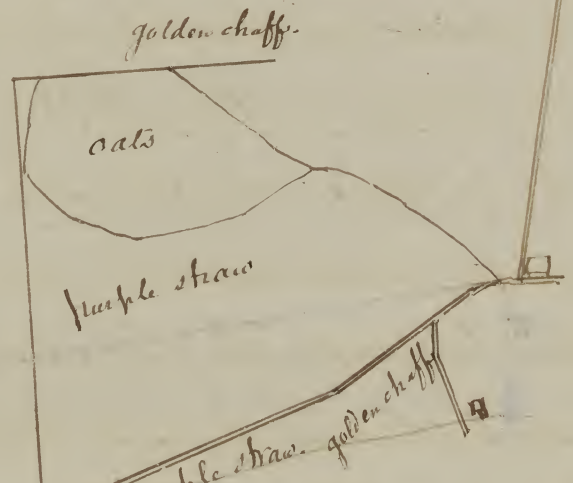
4th October Saturday — went down to Mt. Airy in the S.B. Rap.k on Wednesday & returned home with my family this morning — it was showery on Wednesday & we had a very heavy shower this evening at dusk — 6 stacks of blade fodder were put up this week, making 19 in all — the farm-yard covered with tops, and 15 stacks of tops put up — began to cut wheat on the 2nd have cleared real the machine has 18 bush. good chaff, and 17 bush. purple straw wheat — 35 bush. in all — in the cool raise the bush. hills — all fallow land — put in the first with 4 ploughs & 2 setters the last with 2 harrows with a pair of mules to each — weather very warm — have fear of the fly unless it grows colder soon —

6th the last rain has produced a delightful change — we had frost this morning — the second frost this fall the first was on the 30th Sept. — it has been very healthy with us — & generally in the neighbourhood — only 2 or 3 slight bilious attacks, & no more cases of ague & fever — stored 5 bush. yellow chaff & 7 bush. purple straw wheat to-day — finished early in the day both of the public roads —

11th Saturday — stored 11 bush. wheat on the 7th 6 on the 8th 8 on the 9th rained moderately

:ately part of to-day — 10 bush. on the 9th — 10 " do on the 10th and 6 " do on the 11th — being 55 bush. sown this week — 190 in all — yesterday morning finished the 15th stack of top-fodder — part of the hands are getting timber for hog-pens — part cutting corn & stacking corn —

Oct. 15. Wednesday — finished before breakfast sowing the fellow land 33 bush. of golden chaff & 75½ bush. purple straw — 108½ sown — having sown nearly all the land which was sown in clover in the spring of 1833 — the following is a diagram of the land sown —



16th — Monday — after finishing the sowing of the fellow in the field near the mill, proceeded to sow oats (No. 2 (V. p. 20) in the corn field at the Tanyard, beginning near the public road — the corn being first cut & taken off; ploughed it with the double ploughs — sowed — & harrowed — sowed 20 bush. on the three last days of the week, making 38½ bs. sown last week. Hand very hard on Sunday — cleared off cole, rose hard ice the two last mornings — fat up 11 hogs in the fattening pen last week — 7 have been fat up

done

1834

some time before—

Oct. 23rd Thursday— finding the prospect of doing after the double plough too slow & tedious, we started the single ploughs after midday yesterday in cuts Nos 3 & 4, which we sowed at one time— weather is moderate— we are hauling in corn & stacking the stalks— from cut No 2, we hauled off the stalks down together, piling them on separate bushes about the middle of the field—

" 28th— Monday— sowed 33 bush. wheat in cuts No 2— sowed 45½ bushels. last week— rained very hard Saturday night & most of yesterday— it being too wet to sow in cuts 3 & 4, began to sow this morning in cut No 1, 5 bush. coarse red wheat, which I obtained in exchange for Mr. Landon Carter for fine golden chaff— put up 15 hogs in the fattening pen on Saturday—

" 31st— sowed on Wednesday 12½ bush. in cuts Nos 3 & 4— finished, having sowed in these two cuts 45 bush.— thence returned to cut No 1, where the corn is said to the heaviest crop ever seen on the land— indeed, the best I have ever seen on any land— not being able to haul off the corn, we have piled it upon rows which have been fallen down— from cut 3 & 4, scale the corn to the barn & piled the stalks— cart is hauling corn every day to the hogs pen— we haul 2 cart loads & 1 wagon load to the Hog Pen barn every evening—

3d November— Monday— sowed 55½ bushs. last week— 117 bush. are now down at the Bogue— 225½ in all— finished about midday sowing cut No 1, in which were sown 50 bushs. put up 4 more hogs on Saturday— 37 in all—

10th

10th & Tues. & Monday — went with my family on Friday last to Ashley river in the Stone creek boat — returned to-day alone — sowed 55½ bushels wheat last week on the hill lines —

18th — rained hard on the morning of the 11th — went in the evg. to London — returned home next morning — went to Keep after dinner — sent my bale & mules on, but took no premium at the Agricultural Show — rained gently on Friday morning — rained more rately on Saturday — on Saturday night, it hailed and snowed — on Sunday morning, the ground was covered with snow & it was freezing — on Monday, rained here all day — today, I returned home — the rivers & streams very high — Mr. Turner finished sowing wheat on Wednesday — 12th — having sown 16½ bushels on the three days of the week — making 118½ bush. sown in fallow — 189 bs. sown at the Pogue — total 297½ bushels — some of the hands are ditching — some making rails for fence posts — the rail gathering crew have hauled about 400 bbls —

Dec. 23 — went to Charleston on the 20th ultimo, & returned home with my family to-day — the weather has been fine for the time of year —

27th Mr Turner finished threshing corn on the 19th Dec. & the 11th killed 25 hogs, which weighed as follows viz:

182	135	126*	107	105	104*	103	96	65
175	131	116	106	105	104*	101	93	2824 lb.
154*	126	107*	106	105*	103	101	68	average wt. 113 lb.

commenced a snow on Wed. night & continued thro' part of yesterday —

Dec

1834.

Dec. 29th Monday the crop of corn from field No 11, 10. p 20. produced 775 bbls.

Allowance of meal 20 bush. for week 200 bbls
" for 11 mules @ 8 bbls. . 88 "
" " overseers mare . . 12 "
" " 2 plough mares @ 5 . . 10 "
" 2 hand mares @ 3 . 6 "
" " stable at house . . 50 "
" " hogs . . . 30 " 404 bbls

Balance of this crop for stables & hogs 70 p bbl.
" allowance . . 40 "
" S.R. To hands . 2/5. 119 " 523 "
250 "

Add mill toll, estimated at . . 120 "

leaving for sale, inclusive of overseers part . . 370 bbls.

a snow storm began last night & continued most of to day — its average depth, with the snow which fell on Tues night, exceeds a foot — began to day to load corn to be shipped this week, having sold my crop for 60 p for bush. —

Inventory for 1835.

Males.		ages
Carpenters.		
1 Joe		40
2 Anthony		70
3 Lewis		45
4 Henry		25
5 Tom	5	18
Millers		
6 Lampton	1	63
Shoemaker & Gardener		
7 Bill	1	31
Blacksmiths.		
8 Jared		38
9 Isaac	2	14
Sawyers.		
10 Moses		40
11 Henry		19
12 Reuben		10
13 Tom	4	8
House Servants.		
14 Sam		29
15 John		14
16 Thaddeus - coachman		29
17 Meredith - stable boy	4	10

Males		age
Crop-hands		
18 Harry - foreman		58
19 George		46
20 Conway		58
21 George - carter		39
22 Lewis - ploughman		38
23 William - carter		35
24 Jim		34
25 Dick		33
26 Saunders		29
27 Ralph		29
28 Simon		29
29 Charles		21
30 John - cart driver		17
31 Frederick	14	14
32 Billy - sent to overseer		18
33 Gaston	15	19
Invalids.		
34 Moses		72
35 Spence	2	67
Females.		
House Servants.		
Mary - Mrs R. S. Lewis - cook.		
1 Maria		32
2 Charlotte		12
3 Fanny - dairy woman	4	25
Weaver.		
4 Hannah	1	24
2 spinners.		

Inventory for 1835.

Females.		ages
Spinners.		
5. Fanny		76
6. Annie		50
7. Grace		42
8. Lucy (nurse)		64
9. Phyllis	5	64
Crop-hands		
10. Milly (cook)		57
11. Judy		57
12. Judy (cook to overseer)		49
13. Polly		35
14. Becky		34
15. Mary		33
16. Molly		28
17. Nancy		26
18. Sophy		21
19. Minna		20
20. Phebe	11	15
21. Rachel (Jos. b's overseer)		11

Children.		ages
Bookay's (Sara's wife)		
1. Eliza		8
2. Israel		6
3. Peggy	3.	3
Polly's (Lewis' wife)		
4. Nancy		9
5. Winny		7
6. Westley		5
Mary's (George's wife)		
7. Judy		7
8. Rosa	2	4
Hannah's (Isa's wife)		
9. John		7
10. Joe		5
11. Lizzy		2
12. Catherine	4.	1
Maria's (Lewis' wife)		
13. Mildred		6
14. Louisa	2	0
Grace's (Moses' wife)		
15. Isabella	1	5
Molly's 16. Jerry	1	7
Nancy's (Tom's wife)		
17. Edward		7
18. Sarah Ann		5
19. Jane		3
20. Robert	4	1
Maria's		
21. Georgiana	1	1
22. John William (Annie's grandchild)		6

Inventory for 1835.

Recapitulation

Carpenters		5
Miller		1
Shoemaker		1
Black Smiths		2
Jobbers		4
House Servants	Male 4	
	Female 4	8
Weaver		1
Spinners		5
Crop-hands	Males 15	
	Female 10	25
Cook & Servants to overseers		3
Invalids		2
Children		22
		79
Jac & Becky N. A. Taylors		2
Total		81

Births in 1835.

Elsie Jan. 8 of a girl
Mary " 26 " " boy
Marie young July 27 " " girl
Nancy Sept. 26 " " do
Manuel Oct. 19 " boy
Sally Dec. 17 " " girl

Stock &c.

Horses carriage 2 11 yrs old seat spring
saddle
Red Rover 7 " " "
Rose 2 6 " " "

5 Broodmares
Veronica pale red 5 " " "
Old Grey old
Flirt bay 7 " " "
Blaire sorrel 10 " " "
Rattle chestnut 5 10 " " "

8 Colts Oakley pale red by Madison dam Veronica 1 " " "
sic out of Rattle filley 2 " " "
" " " Blaire colt 2 " " "
" " " Old Grey " 2 " " "
filley " Rattle by Red Rover 1 " " "
do " " Flame " do 1 " " "
colt " Old Grey " do 1 " " "
1 male colt 1 " " "

1 Jack 5 " " "
4 mules Colts
6 do 9 " " "
1 do 3 " " "

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Journal &c

1835.

January 3rd Saturday — hauling out & delivering corn all this week — delivered 126 bbls from Cap Hill barn & 98 from the Dogue barn, in all 2241 bushels, sold to Wm Crump & Co @ $3 — the had a cattle severely injured with — about an inch of snow fell last night — to day has been very cold — heretofore it has been mild — roads very bad —

" 5th extremely cold — thermometer at 7 A.M. freezing all day — the river froze over last night — all hands getting wood —

" 10th the extreme cold continued — there was 6° yesterday morning — began hauling ice 7 in: thick to an ice house which we are digging near the house — Olivia had a girl on the 8th —

" 14th it rained last night — we have a gradual thaw — we hauled to day some ice 8½ in: thick — we should have finished filling, but had to stop hauling, as bad out the roads — we covered in the ice house, which has been day filled & covered in about one week —

" 15th Thursday — killed 13 hogs to day, weighing

237	207	111	63	37
235	195	104	62	
221	121	98	46	1737 lbs. aver. 133⅓ lbs. making a total of

38 hogs killed, weighing 4561 lbs. aver. 120 lbs — weather mild as spring —

1835. Jan: 16th last night we had rain thunder & lightning — to-day has been clear & we have hung up 120 pieces of meat in the smoke house & salted up pieces — the ice is floating in the river — a sylph was seen this evg.

" 26th the weather has been unseasonably mild for 10 days — the thaw very gradual — the roads settling rapidly — it rained hard last night — every vestige of snow is gone —

" 27th — Mary had a boy last night — a spring day — pruning —

" 31st the weather mild all the week — it hailed very hard the two last nights — had showers yesterday — cleared off with a heavy blow — fencing on Hay's run this last week — started 2 ploughs on the 24th.

Feb: 4. Wednesday — yesterday was very cold — it snowed the whole day — there was 13° this morning —

" 9th the cold has been in vogue for several days — the therm. was at zero yesterday & this morning — lower than I have ever seen it before in Virginia — the river is frozen across — the mill for the first time is frozen tight — we are clearing in the upper part of the Rogue meadow —

" 19th the weather having moderated, I went to Mount Airy on the 12th & returned yesterday — Monday & Tuesday 16th & 17th were rainy days — the rains were heavy but not deep, being still frozen — the river is again free of ice — Veronica had her Aurora colt on the night of the 11th —

" 21st fine weather — removed the gate to the C. H. — fencing & quilting —

one of the Dogue cows had a calf on the 19th — killed a beef on the 10th wt. 394 lbs —

Feb. 24th — rained early yesterday — it then snowed — this morning the snow is nearly 7 in. deep — we had begun to plough yesterday —

" 28th Saturday — began to snow about 2 P.M. on Thursday and continued about 24 hours — snow much drifted — this morning about sunrise, the therm. was at 5° — beating out corn yesterday & to-day —

March 2nd Monday — yesterday morning was the coldest we have had this winter — therm. was 2° below zero — this morning, my Autocrat colt, died to death in the stable, altho' last night was much milder than the night preceding — I had used the precaution of putting it with its dam on both nights in the stable — it was in very fine order — there is much ice floating in the river —

" 3rd Shipped yesterday & part of to-day from the Dogue farm 1441 lbs. corn on board the Schr. Lucean, Capt. Coleman — continues cold

" 7th Saturday night — we have had rain, hail & snow during the last 24 hours — the weather has continued very cold, the therm. varying from 8° to 18° at sunrise — the river has been closed above and below us, & one day opposite to this place, for the third time this winter — we have lost many sheep & lambs during this severe weather —

" 11th Wednesday — Monday & part of yesterday were rainy — the snow

had

1835 has nearly disappeared, & we have a prospect of fine weather — began to mend the orchard wattling to day — there are 83 stock & 140 lambs —

March 14th Saturday — sowing clover seed the three last days — finished at noon yesterday the wattling near Mr. Ellwood's and a hr. & Lewis & 6 ploughs began to lect to-day — it is raining moderately to-night —

" 19th sowed on Tuesday & yesterday 6½ bush. oats with clover seed on fallow ploughed last fall adjoining the wheat fallow — finished yesterday sowing 7 bush. clover seed on wheat in the Pogue horse field, 6 P. N. — rained hard last night — sowed 5 half rows of peas — cabbages, lettuce & ~~&c~~

" 25th 6 ploughs running all the week — hands grubbing — planted 7 rows of potatoes — sowed, celery, beets, carrots, kale, and cauliflower — our crop of oats made last year measures 350 bush. for 21 hs. sown —

" 23rd rained heavily on Saturday night and again yesterday in showers

" 27th rained hard last night —

" 30th rained hard yesterday afternoon & last night — cold — fencing on Pogue meadow & hog lots all last week —

April 2 — our Election day — Mr. Taliaferro rec.d 195 votes — Mr. Chin 24 votes for Congress — Now re-elected without opposition — a lovely day —

" 4 — returned home this morng. from Lexington, where my family has been visiting since the 23rd ult.o We have rain with much thunder & lightning to-night — Saturday — began to plough Mary's run meadow yesterday —

my corn field for this year for this year is field No 3, comprising the upland between Kay's and Dogue meadows with both meadows — the field next Mr. Arnold's was a standing pasture a few years since — it was in corn in 1830 — the rest of the field was in corn in 1831 — Dogue meadow in corn last year — Kay's meadow in 1833 — sowing plaster this evening on last spring's clover —

April 6th Monday — we have cold, disagreeable weather — it rained hard all Saturday night, and continued at intervals until midday yesterday — it snowed for a little while in the morning —

" 9th there was frost this morning — cherry trees are in blow — there is no blow of the peach trees — fine mild weather —

" 10th pear trees are in blow — began splitting beds to plant corn yesterday — the carts have been briskly engaged for a fortnight in hauling manure for the farm, per in the corn field near the public road in the hill next Kay's meadow — we have manured 12 or 15 acres —

" 11th began to plant corn to-day, below the public road near Kay's meadow — the wheat looks very badly —

" 16th Thursday — Monday was warm & showery — Tuesday was cool — there was ice yesterday morning — and this morning the ground was covered with snow — the summer apple trees are in blow —

" 20th yesterday was showery till midday — to-day has been also showery both morning & evening —

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April 23rd frost this morning — marked 27 ewe and castrated & marked 18 raw lambs & killed a raw lamb — there are 81 sheep — planted sweet potatoes yesterday —

" 27th — Monday — rained yesterday till midday — weather cold at least week — it has rained today steadily since 2 P.M. — finished early this morning planting the lower land — planted cabbage plants — frost died of asparagus to day — the brambles are dead of grape vines which I pruned early in the winter — those which I pruned later are alive — this proves the advantage of early pruning over winter pruning —

" 28th — rained very hard all night — roads are high — meadows making wallow between the Dogue & Cherry Point —

May 2nd Saturday — yesterday forenoon wet & showery — planting Dogue meadow & North hill — planted sweet potatoes, cimblins, melons, early Corn, lettuce &c this week —

" 5th we had a most refreshing rain last night — it is now warm and seasonable weather — wheat still looks very badly —

" 7th — several heavy showers yesterday after noon with hail — finished planting the meadows yesterday —

" 9th — several showers yesterday morning — rained again last night, and this has been a rainy day — there is a great deal of fly in the wheat —

there

there is a prospect of an uncommonly short crop — we are now logging in the new ground on the upper end of the Dogue meadow — peas in blow planted melons, cabbage plants, snap beans, French beans, & broad vines all wanted this week — have done plaster on half acres clover — carpenters having railing & inclosing truck patch —

May 11th — Monday — there was frost this morning —

" 14th — last night was showery — finished logging in the Dogue meadow yesterday evening — the 4 ploughs are breaking out middles hands replanting corn, which is cut very much by the late weather cool — the ravages of the fly seem to continue, as the wheat looks worse than it did a week or two ago — carpenters finished truck patch fence of 58 panels this evening —

Diagram of this year's corn fields —

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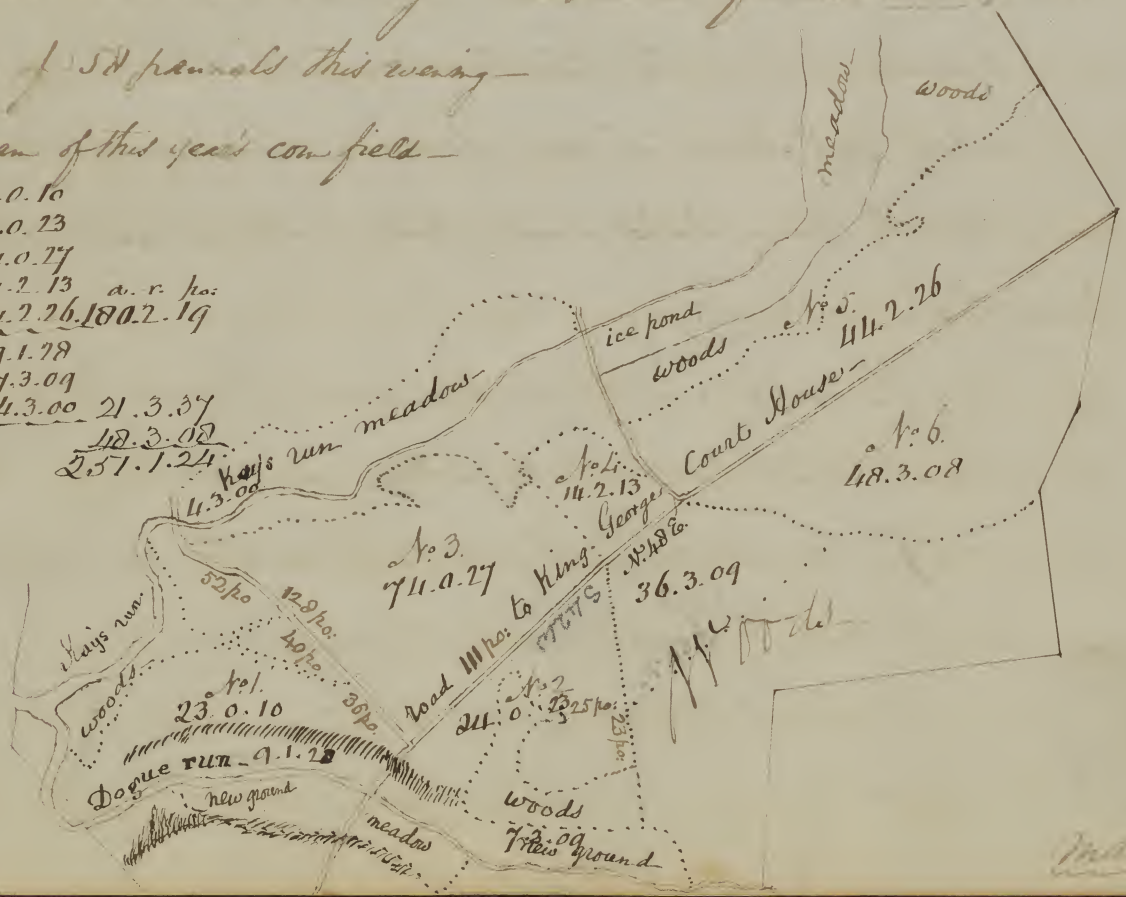

1835 May 20. finished ploughing yesterday – hoeing turnips at the middle on Saturday evening, began ploughing corn the very day we ceased hoeing in the Dogue meadow – weather warm for several days past – thermr. 80°

" 21. marking hogs to day – there are 9 marked & 4 unmarked boars & 1 boar in the hogs lot – also 26 shoats of large & 16 small size, and 33 pigs – 7 small shoats in the falling pen – 1 boar & 5 shoats at the mill (and 4 boars and 13 shoats in the Dogue pen – a fine shower fell this evening –

" 22nd shared 79 sheep to day, whose fleeces weighed 350 lbs – there are 44 ewes, 3 rams and 3 wethers 1 year old – 20 ewes & 17 ewe lambs –

" 23rd there was a shower this evening – we are in need of a good rain – the ground is too dry to transplant vegetables – wheat begins to improve on the best land – we may make one third of a crop under the most favorable circumstances – the strongest land promises not more than a half crop – many farmers expect to make no more than their seed – oats will hardly do this – there was a severe hail storm 7 miles above us & at Leesburg on the 21st it broke a great number of panes of glass – corn is selling on the river at $4 a 4¼ pr. bbl.

" 24th Friday – finished planting the new ground in the Dogue meadow at midday yesterday & began weeding the corn contiguous thereto – 3 double ploughs are tending corn in cut rows – 2 single ploughs in the Dogue meadow

meadow — and 2 double cultivators are raking a cut of No. 1 — cuts 1, 2 3 & 4, are tided with the furrow — cut of No. 2 & the Dyke meadow & hill sides are raked — had our first dishes of peas & strawberries yesterday — the latter are fine and abundant.

June 6 — Saturday — we had a fine rain Thursday afternoon & night — every thing was suffering for the want of it — have finished weeding the Dyke meadow, new-ground excepted, & hill sides, the cattle south of the public road & the chief part of Hay's new meadow — the ploughs have nearly finished tiding corn — only a small part of cut No. 1 remains — the harrows having raked cut No 1 & Hay's new meadow, are in cut No 3 — first dish of onions on Tuesday & of early turnip beets to-day — holyday to-day & Monday —

" 11th — had a light shower at midday — finished tiding corn in cut, No 5, early this morning, & started 4 cultivators in same cut, crossing it — 2 harrows went into cut, No 5, at the same time with the cultivators — hands are in cut No 3, having finished Hay's new meadow tiee pond early yesterday —

" 13th — Saturday — had a fine shower on Thursday night — hands finished cut, No 3, to-day — there was a great deal of missing corn between the two roads — had our first dish of snap beans on Thursday — then. &c —

15th — there were several slight showers yesterday & last night — harrows & cultivators finished this evening — hands finished cut, No 4, & began No 2 — 3 ploughs began to throw dirt to the corn on the

hills

1835. hill side walk of the Cague meadow—

June 17th. passed very hard last night the thunder, which were in Hays rear meadow, were compelled to stop all hands today were thinning & transplanting corn in cal. hot—

" 20th Saturday. at midday on Thursday, the 17 single ploughs finished ploughing Hays rear meadow & went thence into the Cague meadow. had finished weeding cal. hot, & went to work in the new ground of the Cague meadow, breaking on the middles with grubbing hoes & weeding & thinning the corn which is very much grown. planted 3 bushels potatoes within the last two days. had a drift of potatoes yesterday. the seed is appearing in the wheat. the head or ear heads of fall appears a dead yellow color, & the grain dries up. this decade has caused a failure of the wheat crop in 1833 & 34. & we believe to lessen materially the very short crop of the present year. the cause of this decade is not known. the weather has been fine for wheat since the 4th of this month. it was two days before that time. the rains have been frequent and moderate, except that of the 11th which was heavy with very high wind. before this, however, the clover had fallen. weather cool this week.

" 22nd. the ploughs have ploughed all the Cague meadow & hill side & cal hot. & began early today to mow it for wild cattle & fit

for

the weather has been very cool for several days and rainy for five
then 60°

June 24th. the men finished the Rogue meadow early to day
and went into cut. No 5, which remains to be thinned 10 of Lucerne,
12 hands in the field

" 30th Tuesday — we went to Bay on Friday till the time
yesterday the men finished cut. No. 5, on Friday evening, & cut. No. 6.
the evening — the ploughs began No 5 on Saturday morning — half of this
day was given to all hands — the ploughs will finish this cut early
to-morrow morning — weather exceedingly dry and cool — Since Mr Rose
noted the work of the carpenters on the 15th of May, they have removed the
old hitch to the barn, to make a blacksmith's shop — have made a
hot drying stifle over the kiln — cleaned & filled up for the cattle
coming of the cattle house — repaired the railing at the house — built a
stable to the carpenters' shop — and have run a dividing fence of 31
panels & 2 bars from near the stable to the house yard.

July 1 — Monday — on Wednesday morning, the 4 carpenters cut
a little early wheat in the Rogue, which was put in a stack on
Friday — on Thursday & Friday, they cut the golden chaff wheat on the
fallow in field No 1 — p. 25 — it was put in stacks on Saturday
to-day, 8 cutters began harvest regularly — the wheat is very bad —

1835. there is a decided red tint, & blea, on the side of sheet where the clover lay was good (and plastered) the plough finished at 3 P.M. at midday on Friday — they ploughed the meadow over on that day & last day today, they are (?) dressing out the middles & ends. the hoes are weeding the Dogue meadow & hill land — the corn is suffering for want of rain — the dew had only been laid since the night of the 11th inst. — the weather is warm to day. it has been very cool for the effect of severe hail storms in various sections of the country —

July 8 — 8 callers yesterday & 9 part of to day — finished early the fallow wheat (and oats adjoining) & went there to the Dogue field — put up 3 stacks of wheat yesterday & 2 to-day — 7 in all, which will probably yield about 400 bushels. for excellent land where 108 p. bush. were down — it is a remarkable circumstance that oats should be ripe as early as the wheat — some of the wheat at the Dogue, near the barn & garden, in oats (No 1, Vol. p. 20 of Journal of last year) is very fine — the greater part very indifferent — it is good a manured spots — while in cutting, some shellers, there is a large portion of wheat perfectly green — it looks very green where it is bad this a part is almost ripe to draw — then. 88° to-day — a fine rain passed around us this evening — it barely laid the dust with us —

9. 9 callers to-day & 1/2 part of to-day — there being so much green mixed with the ripe wheat, it was deemed prudent to let it

remain exposed to a dry day — on the hill side above the Dogues the wheat is scarcely worth cutting — the oats in cut No 2, — so the barley in cuts 3 & 4 — (N. p. 20) — 8 ploughs ploughing in cut No 3 — 2 cutters reaping before the hoes below the hill side of cut No 1. — we had a fine rain this evening which continued about 3/4 of an hour — both rivers overflowed their banks —

July 11th Saturday — 8 callows yesterday & to-day they finished their swing — we cut very little in No 2 except the Dogues which got it did not bring its seed — the wheat was not dry enough to stack until after midday yesterday — put up 2 stacks yesterday & 3 today —

" 14th — finished stacking wheat early to-day — there are 8½ stacks at the Dogues — 16 stacks in all, which may yield 900 bush. we had a fine rain for 15 minutes on Sunday evening — another this evening, accompanied by high wind, which injured very much the local trees in the yard — the young clover in cut No 1, of field No 4, and on the hill side is not much injured — Therm. 85° to-day —

" 16th — 10 ploughs were at work yesterday in cut No 5, having broken out all the middles in cuts 3 & 4 — they are ploughing No 5, as 3rd the last ploughing, the corn being got low & the field stiff — they were interrupted early in the day by rain, which first came on in moderate showers, but it afterwards fell in torrents — it was like a

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rain was slow — it cleared off about 8 o'clock — both meadows presented a desolate appearance this morning — they were both overflowed — much corn is down & wet — stands of water are lying in the corn field in cut No 6 — all hands are mending roads to-day — heard evening, 8 ploughs broke out the middles of some dance corn in cut 5 —

20th July — all hands were employed on Friday & Saturday setting up corn & repairing damages in the two meadows — and laying by the corn in the new ground of the Dyke meadow — the ploughs started again this morning — about 3 or 4 o'clock, it rained hard a few drops of an hour — the ploughs left the corn field & ploughed the turnip patch near the old quarters spring in field No 2. killed a 2 yr. old graft heifer Saturday — it was in fine order and weighed 225 lbs —

27th — Monday — it rained yesterday finely for half an hour — the wood finished early this morning — & cultivators are now mending — this has been a drizzling, disagreeable day — the hoes have finished No. 3 & are in No. 2 — the cultivators pass before them — corn in forward rapidly —

29th yesterday was cloudy & showery — it has been gloomy, moist weather & warm for three days cleared away this morning — the cultivators began cut 6 hos after dinner yesterday — began yesterday evening to collect the runners & press to make cider —

1st August. Saturday — the cultivators went into No 5 on Thursday

morning

morning — on Thursday made 210 gall. cider — yesterday 100 gall. to day all hands and [illegible] at Thread Vine, which made 190 gall. — & finished, making in all 604 gall. of cider for vinegar — there was 90° yesterday — to day, showers have fallen around us & cooled the air.

August 6th made 264 gall. cider at the Grove on the 3rd 4th & 5th — the cultivators went into the meadows on the west of the 3rd & finished early yesterday — the hoes finished to day — I have had the meadows nicely cleaned for sowing grass seed — 3 hands began to day to clean out the main pond ditch — preparing this evening to start the wheat machine — a slight shower passed over last night —

" 8th — the machine got out 118 bsh. wheat yesterday and 126 to day — 4½ stacks — 2 carts are hauling out the old straw now — next year cornfield near the head of the fifth branch — the golden chaff wheat yielded 118 bsh. from 30 sown — about 3¾ for 1 —

" 11th Tuesday — the machine got out 150 bsh. yesterday, finishing the proceeds of the fallow — in all, 1102 bsh. — the Jarvis wheat yielded 3.7 for 1 — average work of the machine 130 bsh. per day — the early part of to day was showery — sowed a turnip patch near the 5th green branch — after midday, a violent N.E. storm set in & is now raging —

" 13th. the weather cleared away about 11 A.M. — it but it

for —

has continued showery until night — lots it now raining — a heavy rain has fallen, but it has not overflowed the meadows — 4 ploughs began to feed the horse lots to day — the hands are grubbing there — the carpenters have, since harvest, built a pigeon-house and a large chicken coop, and have made a new fence from the cottage to the dairy with sawed rails & posts — (and have removed the old railings to enclose the garden — they are doing some work at the mill, such as repairing the old granaries at the barn —

14th August — Friday — the 4 ploughs were about 2½ days following lot No 1, behind the garden — they are now following lots 2 & 3 behind the old stable — hands grubbing in the front — 8 are ditching — it is raining moderately to-night —

16th September — Wednesday — we left home on the 4th August, & returned yesterday — we lost a day for the benefit of Mrs Tod's health, going as far as Boston, & back only, after staying there three days — we left on the 4th inst. and reached Chicago on the 9th, passing 1½ days in Detroit, half a day at Niagara & Buffalo — this rapid travel is accomplished without fatigue in clean boats & the rail roads — the weather has been very cool and dry — no rain except light showers on Saturday last — we have fine morning and evening — after following the lots behind the stable, the ploughs went into the cedar tree cut west of the road thro the pond, & ploughed

that

about one half of the root — on the 24th Aug^t, Mr. Farrington's Dexter the wheat at the Depot with Mr. Jerry's machine — made of sticks of Hedge by Capt. J's patent — on the 1st day, it dressed 87½ bush. 2nd day, 125½ — 3rd day, 80 — 4th day, 95 — 5th 48 — in all, 436 bushels — average about 87½ bush. per day — the small stack of early wheat, 8 sheet of 5 bush. yielded 21½ bush. — the rest of the feed yielding only 2½ bs. for Narrowed timothy & Red's grass seed in the two meadows yesterday & today — finishing fodder & cutting tops — the ditchers have cleared all the main ditches to the road — & are now cut the fence between Mr. Thorley's & my farm — carpenters are putting a post & rail fence for the machine — rest of the time — gathering apples to day —

18th September — shipped on board the Sch. Angelina, Capt. Lovell, 521 bushels wheat, weighing 502¾ lbs. average, on 5½ — sold to Mr. J. B. Nickels, of Falmouth for $1 payable on delivery, the price to be fixed, according to sales of river crops in Boston, before the 1st of January — 10 stacks of blade fodder are put up in the meadows and cut 1 to 11 inclusive — cutting tops to day — finish gathering apples — 11 bbls. filled, & as much more in heaps —

19th September, — it has rained all day — no cutting tops —

20th — weather clear and cool all the week — hoeing potatoes and cutting tops — had up 1 stack of blades in the Depot meadow

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meadow, and 2 in cut No 5. 14 stacks in all — 28 th. wheat to Mr Morgan 2 ad one, 2 ad cons No 2 to Jno. Sept. heads @ 15.11 & 18 p each — detachers began a new ditch to day near the mile roads —

29th Sept. despatched 7 hands, viz: Tom, carpenter, Dick, Charles, Mary, John, Isaac and Sophy, to remain at Rio, to be sent to Alabama.

1st Oct. Thursday — the ground was white with frost this morning — finished cutting tops yesterday — covering fa. n. pen to day —

5th. Monday — finished stacking fodder — there are 24 stacks of blade & 21 of top fodder —

6th — rain began about sundown last evening & continued thro' the night — at times, very heavily with high wind — it came in good time — the ground was very hard & became almost dry — we began to sow wheat this morning in the lot around the garden, No 1., sowing with two harrows early red wheat —

8th. Sowed 5 bush. wheat in lot No 1. and 9 bush. in lots 2 & 3 — finished this evening — began this morning to sow with 6 ploughs west the Dyke run below the public road — sowing golden chaff wheat — carpenters began work with Mr. Carter —

13th — Sowed 28 bush. wheat in cut No 1. below the public road, which we finished yesterday — went into cut No 3, & sowed 1 bush. early wheat in the point near Kaye's run — still sowing golden chaff wheat — fine weather — there

was

was a very white frost on the morning of the 9th. put the 2 oxen with the sheep on the 10th. gathered the crab apples at the Sugar early last week. there were a great many, the trees were loaded.

17th Oct. Monday. yesterday & last night was showery warm. the whole week was cloudy threatening rain. after sowing in cut No 3, 24½ bush. of rodes chaff wheat, began to sow bearded wheat, which I bought of James Lee jr. 32 bush. of this finished the cut, which the hands left early the morning sowed into cut No 2, beginning where the Sugar was sowed in cut No 3, 57½ bush. total sown 99½ bush.

21st finished at midday sowing No 2. in which we sown 56½ bush. bearded wheat and 8 bush. purple straw 23½ bushels. went thence into cut No 4.

24th sowed in cut No 4 about 9 bush., I began No 5 yesterday morning. 152 bush. sown. the corn had been very good this the field thus far. it is however, very bad where we are now sowing. we have been without fires for a fortnight. it has been warm & damp. the wheat has come up very quickly.

29th finished cut No 5 early this morning. in sowing this cut, in order to finish the land most liable to be wet, we sowed with it a part of cut No 6. to the first water furrow. which took 42 bushels. began No 6 next.

30th had a fine shower last night. 12 hogs were put up today

to day at the barn-yard there are 18 fattening at the Cyder — 150 bushels were marked and calibrated — & 15 were shaved — a young boar was marked —

31st Oct: Yesterday we had a light shower in the night, and the weather is colder and more seasonable — dressed 48 bush. wheat this week, of which 24 bs. are down in cut No. 6. the corn in Nos 5 & 6, tho' not fine, is better than the land usually brings —

4th Nov: Wednesday — finished sowing wheat at midday — dressed 45 bush. in cut No. 5, exclusive of the part to the 1st water furrow, which is embraced in No. 5 — Total quantity down is 220 bushels wn. 15 bs. early wheat, 52½ golden chiffs, 47½ bearded and 105 Hampshire straw wheat — we have dressed our whole crop without being interrupted one moment by rain. the ground was in remarkably fine order — we have had a great many and deep long water furrows to cut, as specially in cuts 5 & 6 — dressed cut No. 1 — in 3½ days 20 bs. No 2, 22½ bs, in 2½ days — No. 3, 37½ bs. in 5½ days — No. 4, 9 bs. in 1½ days — No. 5, 42 bs. in 5 days — and No. 6 — 48 bush. in 5½ — total 233½ days — 8 ploughs and 1 harrow have been generally at work — began to place the corn in the meadow stack at 6 to the barn to day —

7th yesterday bought at Kay's auction a lot of steel — finished wheat making the whole quantity down 220 bushels. gave holiday to the hands to-day — the early corn stands very green — the weather

on the 2 in a row, but we now begin to fear the fly — there was 15 to day — yesterday 20 but plenty in hand —

9th Sat: Morning — had a fine rain last night —

14th — rained heavily on Friday night — met on Wednesday evening to Friday to attend the Cattle Show — (perhaps see the premium offered for the best Milch cow) — Mrs T. did not succeed with butter returned last evening — heating cows & pickles all this week — the hens lay daily making crab cider — we have had no frost since 9th October until this morning, when it was very white — and there was ice —

19th Thursday Yesterday was a rainy day — we have close damp, foggy weather — finished the cider to-day — we have 10½ Hhds good cider & 3½ of the second running —

23rd This has been a dull rainy day — the bad weather set in yesterday — put away cabbages last week —

1st (Dec:) Sunday — we went to Mt Airy on the 24th and returned last evening — on Friday last, 27th it snowed all day — and the weather became very cold — a great deal of ice formed — the change is very favorable for the farmers, the wheat having suffered from fly during the late warm weather — and the cow being very damp to throw into large heaps in the barn — we have of a good deal

injured

injured in the field & in consequence drive it very closed—

3rd Cloudy—expected the Dunes and 10 young workers from the woods killed every plant we so gathered—

5th Saturday—went to Prog yesterday—the evening was rainy—

12th—Snowed yesterday evening & still night—and it had rained moderately the greater part of to-day—the removal to Carolina of Mr. Farmer has discouraged getting in much corn this week—we have cut 2 & 3 chaffy to gather—it is raining quite hard to-night—

17th the weather not be very cold this week until to-day—on Monday morg. 17th the therm. in the cellar was 34°—it is now mild—finished getting in corn this evening—discovered a few days ago two extreme exceptions of moss—one about 1½ yards below the chapel—the other a little above the old landing—both very early of accept Dr. Fullerton moved on the 14th—

21st Monday—rained hard last night—killed 16 hogs at the hogpen to-day—they weighed as follows, viz:

203	177	166	164	162	156	143*	116
198	175	164	163*	154	152	144	90*

* no Pattonders

—2517 lbs. nett. at 15½ lbs—

24th weather moderated very much yesterday and unusually mild—no heavy rain fell in during the night, & this has been a cold, drizzling day—began to heal out corn on the 24th yesterday, all had holiday—to-day we are again at work, a vessel having come for our corn, which is sold to Hopkins Forbes & Kenny for $3½ pr bbl. to be all delivered before the last of Jan.

Dec. 27th

Dec. 31st Monday. Sunday 30th was delightful, no ice
coming to the Schr. Mary, Capt. Hill — gave the rest of the week to the
men, who seldom had been interrupted last week — it began to
rain last evening — but we have a fine day — killed a fine beef —

Inventory for 1836.

Males.

Occupations.		age.
1. Joe —		11
2. Anthony —		71
3. Lewis —		46
4. Harry —	4.	26
Millers		
5. Simpson	1.	64
Gardener & Shoemaker		
6. Bill —	1.	37
Blacksmiths.		
7. Jared		39
8. Frederick	2.	14
Sawyers.		
9. Moses		41
10. Rabe		11
11. Tom	3.	9
House Servants.		
12. Isaac		30
13. Thaddeus — carriage		30
14. Meredith — stable boy	3.	11
Crop hands.		
15. Harry — foreman		59
16. George		59
17. Conway		59
18. George — carriage		41
19. Lewis — wagoner		40
20. William — carriage		37
21. Sim —		36
22. Flanders		31
23. Robin		31
24. Simon		30
25. Cesar		21
26. Billy		18
27. John — carriage	13.	18
Invalids.		
28. Moses		74
29. Spencer	2	69

Females.

House Servants.		age
1. Hannah — cook		26
2. Maria		37
3. Charlotte		13
4. Fanny — dairywoman	4	26
Kitty — B. C. Ts — washer		
Weaver.		
5. Hannah	1	25
Spinners.		
6. Fanny		77
7. Amie		51
8. Grace		43
9. Lucy — nurse	4	65
Becky — W. A. Ts		75
10. Phyllis — nurse		65
Crop hands.		
11. Milly — cook		59
12. Andy		59
13. Polly		37
14. Becky		35
15. May		30
16. Molly		30
17. Nancy		27
18. Maria		23
19. Alice	9	17
20. Judy — cook to master		53
21. Rachel — servt. do.		13
22. Nancy — in the dairy		11
Children		
Becky's 1. Eliza		9
2. Israel		7
3. Peggy 3.	3.	4
Mary's 4. Judy		8
5. Rosa		5
6. Aaron	3.	1

Children.		age
Polly's 7. Winny		9
8. Betsy		6
9. Sophy	3	inf.
Hannah's 10. John		8
11. Jacob		6
12. Lizzy		3
13. Catherine		2
14. William	3	inf.
Maria's 15. Mildred		7
16. Louisa	2	2
Grace's 17. Isabella	1	6
Molly's 18. Jerry	1	8
Maria's 19. Edward		8
20. Sarah Ann		6
21. Jane		4
22. Robert		2
23. Fanny	3.	inf.
Maria's 24. Georgiana		2
25. Martha	2.	inf.
Alice's 26. Grace	1	1
27. John William		7
Hannah's — cook's		
28. George		6.

Inventory for 1836.

Recapitulation.

Carpenters		4
Miller		1
Gunsmith & Shoemaker		1
Blacksmiths		2
Tailors		3
Farm Servants – Male	3.	
Female	4.	7
Weaver		1
Spinners		5
Cap hands – Male	13.	
Female – official	6.	19
" unofficial		6
Females		2.
Children		27
		78
Old Fed Becky & A.Js		2
Filly – S.O.J.J.		1
Total		81.

Stock &c

Horses – carriage 2 – 12 gn. do & harness spring
saddle 2 –
Red Rover 8 " " "
Roses 7 " " "

5 Mares –
Veronica filly 6 " " "
Old Gray – do
Flat-bay – 8 " " "
Blaise – dark 11 " " "
Rattle – chestnut 11 " " "

15 Colts –
Oakley, thoroughbred by Sindelow, d. Veronica 2 " " "
Maria – Rattles 3 " " "
Colt – Blaise's 3 " " "
filly – Old Grays 3 " " "
do – Rattles by Red Rover 2 " " "
do – Blaise's do 2 " " "
colt – Old Grays do 2 " " "
filly – Roses by Autocrat 1 " " "
do – Rattles " Red Rover 1 " " "
colt – J. J. Wormley's 3 " " "
2 do – J. J. Lomax's 2 " " "
1 do do 1 " " "
1 mule colt 2 " " "
1 do 1 " " "

1 Jack 6 " "
1 Jenny – Charles Taylor's – old –
11 mules – 4 – do –
6 10 " "
1 4 " "

Births –

Becky – of a boy – 18th April –
Maria (mare) – of a boy – 26th Oct –

Inventory for 1836.

Stock &c.

1 Bull — 1/2 Durham 4 yrs. old
10 ewes — old —
2 do — 4 " "
6 do — broke 3 " "
2 do — unbroke 3 " "
19 cows viz. 3 very old
Buckeye — 8 " "
Lady Morgan 8 " "
2 black cows 9 " "
Celia — 6 " "
Kate 1/2 Durham 3 " "
Serafine do 2 " "
7 heifers & yearlings —
9 calves —
47
83 sheep viz. 2 rams —
9 wethers — 7 of 1835
60 ewes
12 " lambs of 1835

Farming Implements.

1 wagon
3 carts
2 tumbrils
12 sets gear
23 ploughs — viz. 6 Pairs — double
6 " single
1 Freelon — double
7 " single
3 McCormick — double
2 cultivator harrow
1 large double harrow
8 cultivators
2 harrows — single with wooden teeth
2 " " " iron "
24 weeding hoes

Implements

8 grubbing hoes
2 mattocks
8 spades
4 shovels
9 ox-yokes
6 ox-chains
15 axes
3 sets wedges
2 wheat fans
11 cradles
4 half bush. measures
1 pr. steelyards
7 hogsheads
18 fish barrels
2 grind stones
5 manure forks
a still — complete

1836. Journal for

Jan: 4th Monday — cool with snow. I to Stedy on the 1st clear on the 2nd a moderate rain set in yesterday at noon. This is a rainy day.

" 8th rain recommenced on the night of the 5th raised without cessation all day yesterday the greater part of to day clears away towards sundown.

" 13th Wednesday — mild, clear weather — killed 17 hogs yesterday, which weighed 190 159 150 136 106 99 95 90 173 153 140 119 103 98 94 87 85 — total 2077 lb average wt. 122 lb. 16 killed on the 21st all wt. 2517 lb — whole number killed 33 — total weight 4594 lb. aver. 139 lb — inclosing timothy meadow on Hay's run — carpenters selling poles in ice house — grinding plaster in cold weather.

" 16th 4 ploughs began yesterday in the pond. The weather is clear tho it has been for a fortnight past. There was ice on the ponds to day.

" 20th Snowed a little on Saturday — rained moderately on Sunday — no there was a thaw — yesterday & to-day, made a road to the marl bank below the wharf — Moses is ditching round the quarters lot — carpenters are running a post & rail fence for the gun — comes to Mr. Shately & myself — to the pond — women grubbing — meadowfencing the ice-pond meadow —

Jan.

Jan. 22d. Friday since last night the ice is moving rapidly. 2 crafts having passed yesterday & today to the east opposite the new stone house.

23d. Cloudy commenced snowing at midday yesterday — wind, hauled round all last night — a thick cold snow — the trees are loaded with ice — cleared away early to day.

24th Ther. 20° this morning — all hands cutting & hauling wood, except the carts moving —

25th Ther 15° this morning — getting ice nearly 3½ in. thick.

30th Saturday — Ther. on Thursday 8, Friday morning 2 at 7½ the ice moved yesterday was 4½ in. thick. Is cold freezing the ice hard last evening — hauled about 1100 bricks with 1 wagon, 2 carts & 2 tumbrils — hauling wood again today, carts & wagon moving — only cutting wood — today is quite mild — it is now all night still thawing — the river is free — crafts

Feb. 1st Wind S.E. & S.E. half of yesterday — became again very cold at night — Ther. was 10° this morning —

2nd Ther. 4° — cutting stake timber on River side —

6th The weather has been exceedingly cold all this week — the Ther. being a few degrees only above zero in the morning — & not rising above 20° during the day — hauling wood all the week — a sheet of ice covers the

the ground—

Feb. 15th Monday—went to Richmond on the 8th inst. to attend the Meeting Convention of the 10th the weather had moderated and rain on the nights of the 11th 12th & 13th caused a thaw—on going, we crossed at Port Royal by a path cut thro ice 8 inches thick—on our return on the 14th it was broken in many places—hauling most all the last week—& getting rails in the mill yard—carpenters getting timber for horse stable—

" 20th only an inch of snow fell yesterday morning—hauling rail repairing mill yard for the crop—the corn field fence—river is now open

" 24th Wednesday—rain fell moderately last night—a severe thunder gust passed over this evening—roads are very bad—the fall wheats went up yesterday morning—

" 27th yesterday morning, the ground was covered with snow from seven to eight inches deep on a level—there was 20° this morning—we are beating out corn in bad weather—

" 29th Monday—There is two inches more of snow fell this morning—

" 2nd March—rained steadily 7 or 8 hours last night—

" 5th There is little snow except in sheltered spots—we have been making a walk to the lot below the quarters for the last three days

days – the weather has been moderate – roads almost impassable – my lambs are now dropping –

March 11th – Friday – rained most of yesterday – at times very hard – & again at night with tremendous wind – delivered to-day on board the Sch. Opal 1135 bushs. corn –

" 12th – delivered 364 bs. to-day, making 1500 bushs. which, with 315 barrels delivered at Times, make 615 bbls. Sold – Therm. was at 20° this morning – fencing around the lower part of the Dogue meadow this week –

" 22nd Tuesday – left home on the 14th with my family for Baltimore & thence to Washington – we returned this evg – Mr. Patterson began to plough on the 15th – during my absence, he sowed 15 bush. oats near the Dogue barn in Kay's run meadow – dis now sowing a part of the cut next the pond north of the road leading from the barn to Mr. Threadkill's gate – the weather has been very variable for a week past – raw & disagreeable, snowing a little several times – & raining occasionally – the ground has, however, dried very much – Mr. Patterson sowed 2 bush. clover mixed with 2 bush. orchard grass in the lots behind the stable & garden – & 12 bush. clover seed in cut No 3 of the wheat field next the public road – Therm. this morning (23rd) 29° – ice in the ditches –

" 26th – sowed 28 bushs. oats in the above-mentioned cuts –

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(over)

making a total of 43 bushels down — sowing clover seed again to-day — have nearly finished ploughing the road west of the main ditch — planted potatoes & sowed peas, beets & carrots within a day or two — there 28° this morning at 7 —

March 28th — my last years crop of corn amounted to 85 pbbls. corn contained before 1st Jan: 1836. . . . 54 bbls. 3 bs.

" put away in the Cogue barn for meadow . 63 "

" for allowance to 5 March . . . 14 " 2

" fed to stock to 10 March . . . 19 " 2 p

" shipped in Dec. & at the 11th & 12th March . 115 "

" in Hopsted granary 12th March . 130 "

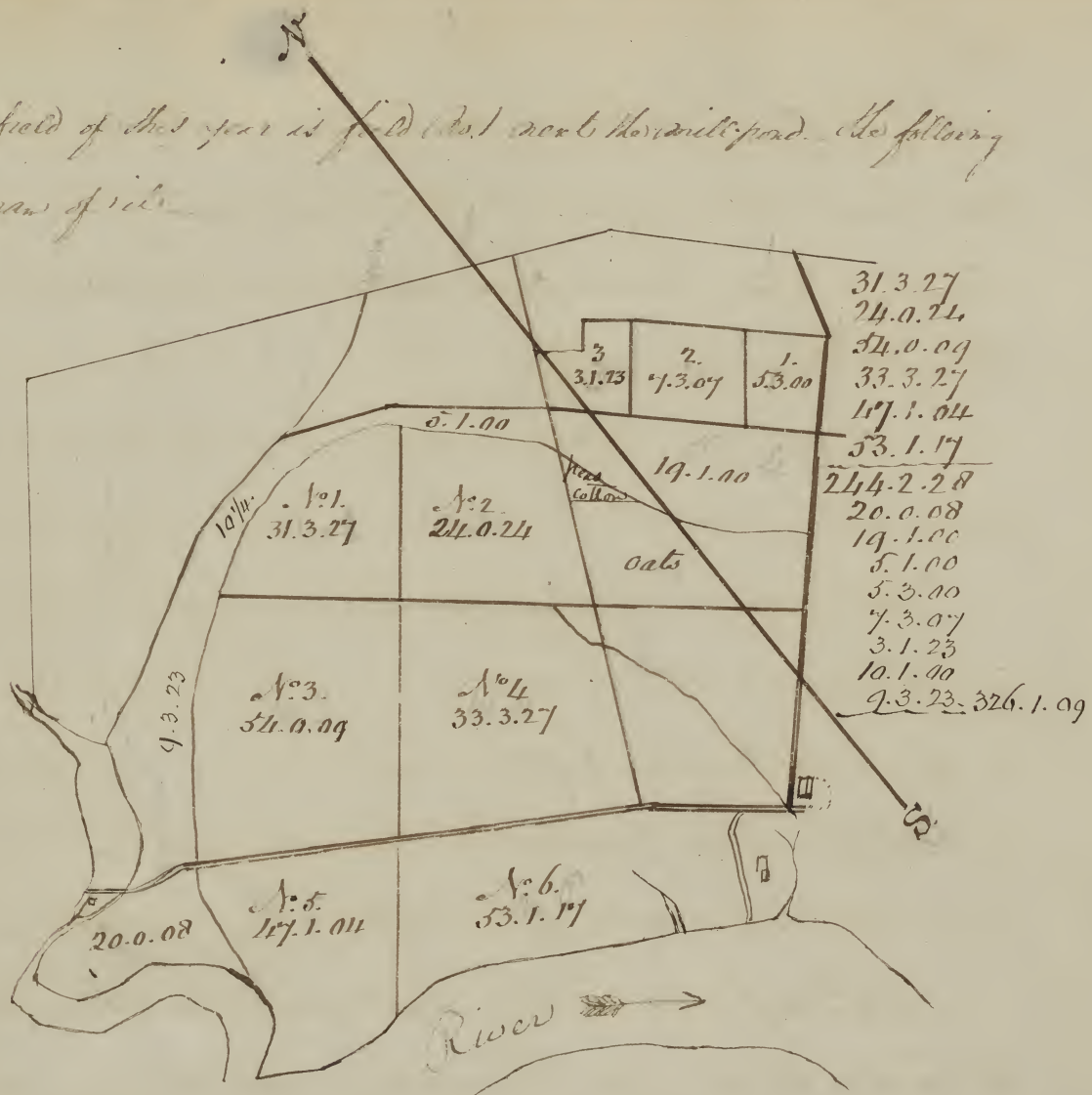
" 30th a fine shower last night — to day has been very misty — the weather has been fine for 3 or 4 days — ground in fine order for ploughing —

5th April — Tuesday — the 1st (being Good Friday) and 2nd were holidays — we have had cloudy & misty weather for several days — yesterday it rained moderately all day & part of the preceding night — we finished ploughing out the pond on Thursday morning — and proceeded to lift for the middle of the field towards the public road —

6th rained last night — heavily this morning, snowed an hour or two —

7th there was ice this morning — we are ploughing west the river

my corn-field of this year is fixed (but) near the mill-pond. The following is a diagram of it.



12th April Tuesday — There was ice yesterday morning — few have planted corn in consequence of continued cold weather — the thermometer this morning was 34° — my field is not yet listed entirely — we are now ploughing the east part the machine horse & river, on which I had hauled during the frozen 220 loads of marl, which cover according to my estimate, about 10½ acres — planted to day about 2 dozen chestnuts on the hill-sides above Hay's mill & near the house & spring —

14th rained steadily all day yesterday — plastering lett's peas clover

clover in the orque house field — also the clover sown this spring in my house lots — hauling out manure to-day — too wet to plough —

16th April — recommenced ploughing yesterday & finished bedding to-day all my field except a small corner near the wharf reserved for manure — began to crop this evening cut No 1 —

18th Monday — rained moderately all day yesterday & part of this morning — too wet to plant corn — we have been hauling out manure during the last week & to-day — Becky had a boy last night —

20th — rained again nearly all day yesterday — the plough was going a hour or two in the morning — cloudy to-day & weather unsettled —

22nd — began to plant corn about midday yesterday — stopped in the evening by very heavy rain, after which the weather cleared away & now promises to be fine — recommenced planting to-day about noon in cut No 1 — cherry & peach trees are now blooming —

23rd Therm. 45° this morning — planted cut No 2 to-day — planted sweet potatoes — only 6 hands planting to-day — 8 yesterday —

25th — planted yesterday & to-day the slope north of Nos 1 & 3, & part of No 3 — this evening planting south of the public road near the mill — 9 hands planting yesterday — 11 to-day — Therm. 78° to-day — peach trees in full blow —

28th — finished this evening planting No 5, & proceeded to the remaining portion

portion of No 3 — the fine weather continues — apple trees are to day in full blow — until this week, we had March weather in April — now we are in the midst of Spring, & the foliage is bursting into leaf for the immediate bud —

30th April — Saturday — planting yesterday & to-day in Nos 4 & 5 — the 2 ft low shrubs in these cuts are in fine order for planting — 12 hands at the hoe the three last days — Therm. was 82° yesterday in a cool, refreshing — cloud while mulberry seed this morning — carpenters planted corn up to to day —

3rd May — finished planting this morning all except the road — we began adjoining cut, dol, harrowing the beds first & then splitting them, which left the ground in fine order — went to Bldg. yesterday — the roads have been worse than I have ever known them & are yet very rough — Therm. 81° yesterday, and 82° to day — very dry — some showers passed near us this evening — strawberries are in full blow —

7th May — Saturday — light showers yesterday afternoon & during the night — began to rain again early this evening — & now all night it is raining steadily — we have planted nearly all the road, except a part of the cut adjoining the cuts, between the cedar & sycamore trees & the road — this was ploughed on the 16 & 17th January — we are compelled to plough snow, harrow & then lay it off — dol out cabbage plants to-day — planted black eyed peas in the truck patch — planted French kind in the road — peas are just

just beginning to blow — the carpenters, after finishing the fence across the pond to the barn, are sawing timber for horse stable —

9th May — Monday — the rain cleared up yesterday morning, leaving it too wet to day to plant corn in the pond — the ploughs went near the landing, where the land was in fine order — a small piece had been left out here to be manured —

11th — finished planting corn early to day — planted collow & peas in a point between the oats & corn in the pond — replanting corn — ploughs yesterday & to-day have cut two more furrows in each row in cuts 2, 4 and 6 —

12th — showery early this morning —

14th — have finished breaking up cuts 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 — & one row in cut No. 5 — hoes began weeding corn to-day near the ditch near cuts 2 & 3 — cool weather — sowed 4 lb. mangel wurtzel, soaking the seed in water one night — ground is becoming hard —

18th — Wednesday — rained freely for an hour yesterday — it was very warm before the rain — to-day has been warm also — have just fixed the blacksmith shop at the barn — carpenters have been sawing timber for horse stable — Moses recommenced line ditch near the mile woods —

19th — sheared this morning 73 sheep, who fleeced in the aggregate weight 364½ lbs — 4 ploughs began siding corn in cut No 1 — 2 cultivators harrows in No 2 put the land in very fine order — hoes have replanted cuts 1, 2, 5 & 6,

and

and are now in No 3 –

May 24th Tuesday – Part of Saturday & yesterday were holidays – the hoes are weeding corn in the pond, following the cultivator harrows – A plough is dividing cut No 3 – there was a fine shower this evening – had our first dish of strawberries –

" 28th Saturday – there was a fine rain on Wednesday evening – since then, there has been drizzling, disagreeable weather, which has not yet cleared away – 'tis the busy season in May – ploughs have divided No 4, except the drill rows next the bars, & are in No 5 – cultivator harrows following in 3 & 4 – the fly has destroyed a great deal of wheat – the barley lots & a portion of cut No 3 (see Journal of 1835, p. 12) are promising & forward – the remainder of the wheat field looks badly – hoes have weeded & thinned No 1, & are in No 2 – had our first peas on Thursday – the carpenters, after finishing the blacksmith's shop, have removed & put up for a quarter at the bars the old blacksmith shop –

June 4th Saturday – since Wednesday, 25th ult., the sun has not shone until to-day – we have had big turns every day drizzle, shower and drenching rain – the river & runs have been swollen greatly – the freshet at Hadg. has been higher than any since 1826 – we have done no work in the corn field all this week, until this evening, when we thinned some corn – we have been mending roads, weeding the meadows, tending wood &c.

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fences have been required for comfort every day — Bees. I presented me with another box on the 25th of May at 11¼ A.M.

June 8th Wednesday — the sun has neither rose nor set clear, & has not shone more than two or three times for 15 days — the wind has blown steadily from the East — Sunday evening & night were showery — yesterday misty — to day, there is some signs of clearing away, the sun showing itself occasionally — our vegetables are perishing without maturing — we have lost large quantities of strawberries, which were most abundant — we have selected 8 foals in calt 5 & 6 for ploughing, harrowing & weeding corn since Monday —

" 11th — we have finished all of calt 5 & 6, except a small wet spot — I weed to-day in calt 4, all of which had been seeded & part of it harrowed before the late incessant rains — we are now splitting the middles harrowing & weeding it — planted potatoes this week in truck patch — then 80 at 3 P.M. yesterday — several showers fell this evening —

" 13th — Monday — we had a heavy shower before breakfast — & several lighter showers to-day — wind again from the East — a (old male) steer died this morning — its stomach was destroyed by bots — Lewis & Henry began work for Mr Otheesilly — the wheat — golden chaff — in calt 1st (See p 12. of Memorandum of 1835) is very indifferent, having been cut by both fall & spring fly — part of the 3, which was manured — golden chaff — is very good, but the seed is now appearing in most of it — the bearded wheat in the rest of the 3. is tolerably

tolerably good — bearded wheat & purple clover in No 2 very indifferent, purple clover in No 4 indifferent, & in Nos 5 & 6, very bad — cut by the spring fly — the early wheat in the lots near the house is pretty good, tho' injured by the fly last fall — the clover is very fine in the Dogwood field — it is thick, & tall, & looks beautifully — the garden now supplies us with beets, snap beans & onions —

15th — June — We began work at Mr. Thresh's to-day — 3 double ploughs began last evening to lap the dirt in the middle of the cons in the pond, beginning at the gate in cut No 1, where the weeds have grown very tall — the 2 single ploughs followed then this evening dividing the cons — the cultivator-harrows, after working both ways the next afternoon had left in No 3, went into the adjoining cut near the mill creek — the hoes have nearly finished weeding No 4.

17th — Thurs. 86° at 3 P.M. the double ploughs having finished in the pond, they were laid aside, & 3 single ploughs began throwing dirt to the cons in the drill rows along the lower part of the pond ditch — the harrows finished this eve'g. the slope adjoining the mill pond — the hoes began to weed in the pond after mid-day yesterday, & have weeded No. 1 & part of No 2 —

20th — Monday — 5 single ploughs running on Saturday — 7 to-day — they began the lower end of the west side of the pond this morning, throwing two furrows to the con on each side — the hoes finished No 2 on Saturday — and are now

in

in the 3 – we had a gall about daybreak yesterday – it rained finely for about an hour – 1st dish of potatoes to day – the wheat has more scab than I have yet known; leaving it untilfire where I shall make my seed. therm at 86° for several days past at 3 P.M. 85° to day –

21st June – 9 ploughs to-day in the pond – we had two fine showers to-day, which drove the hands from the field –

22nd – rained again last night – has finished the call side of the pond ditch – 5 cutters cut the early wheat in the horse lots –

25th Saturday – rained several hours on Thursday evening moderately – yesterday was a raw, drizzling day, & to day was cloudy, the wind being again East – therm. fell to 62° – the ploughs left the pond & went into calls 1 & 2, which they finished this evening, cutting 4 furrows – the hoes thinning & weeding corn – it has been too damp to take up the wheat which was cut on the 22nd & 23rd – the carpenters, after cutting the wheat, have been excavating foundation for stable –

28th Monday – rained hard on Saturday night – Sunday was a rainy day – & yesterday was a drizzling one – it cleared to-day, but we had several light showers – the ploughs went to work to-day about 10 o'clock. the hoes cutting down blue thistles at the dogues – the carpenters went to work yesterday for Mr Threadby –

30th planted potatoes along the fence in the pond call No 4 – put the wheat we had cut in shocks yesterday & to-day – hoes weeding in the same

cut

cut — ploughs in cut No 5, having finished the adjacent cut towards the mill —

July 3rd. Saturday — we had several light showers about mid-day — ploughs, having finished cut 5 & a large portion of No 6, are now in cuts 3 & 4 — the ground is in fine order — corn is low for the season — the worms have cut it badly during the late heavy rains —

" 4th — a heavy rain fell for about an hour this evening —

" 5th — began harvest with 6 cutters to-day — cutting the head-ed wheat, which may yield rather more than its seed. — 4 ploughs came after midday, but had to go near the river in cut No 6 to find the land sufficiently dry after the heavy rain of yesterday evening — we are putting the wheat into shocks as we cut it — corn grows very fiercely, & looks healthy & vigorous —

" 9th Saturday — finished harvest early to-day — cut the oats in the meadow — there was no grain at all in cuts 5 & 6, and very little straw — we cut in shocks only — the ploughs finished cut No 6 on Wednesday & cuts 3 & 4 before midday yesterday — & the slope adjoining No 3 early this evening — they are now in the lower part of the pond —

" 16th Saturday — left home for Mr. Clay on Monday last & returned on Thursday evg — we had fine weather until yesterday, which was showery — a slight rain fell in towards & both meadows were partly overflowed —

had

had to mend the public road to-day — the plough began on Thursday morning after finishing the pond, to break out the middles of the drill corn adjoining cuts 1 & 3, cuts 1 & 2, and began No 3 — last night's rain stopped them — after mid-day, they began round the river in cut 5 — the hoes have finished the west side of the pond, & began No 1 next the gate, having been preceded by 3 cultivators — the pond being too wet to-day, they went into the drill corn next cuts 1 & 3, where the corn is far better than I have ever seen it — indeed, my whole field is very promising — the effects of the manure spread last winter is very obvious in the corn —

23rd Holy — Saturday — finished breaking out middles on the 20th & cultivators have been at work, having finished cuts 1 & 2, & part of 3, & the adjoining drill rows — the hoes have finished all the pond, except the small cedar tree cut, & cut No 2, & are now in No 1 — a fine rain confined over below on yesterday — there was a good sprinkle at the stores, but the dust was not laid in the corn field — we are not suffering for want of rain —

24th Sunday — we had a moderate rain yesterday evening, preceded by very high wind — & to-day has been showery — corn looks finely — cultivators in cut No 1 — hoes in cut 4, having finished the 3 —

30th Saturday — finished laying by corn yesterday with cultivators & hoes — there was a light rain last night — all hands had holiday to-day — the carpenters have been framing horse stable since harvest, finishing it yesterday —

2nd

2nd August – Tuesday – hauling the oats from the cut round the cornfield to the machine barn – there are 5 large stacks. hauling wheat to-day & preparing to sow turnips in the truck patch, where the corn shelled out – had a refreshing rain yesterday evening – the carpenters began to cut hay in the river road meadow yesterday –

4th – Saturday – began to thrash wheat on Thursday – got out 100 bushels in the evening, there was a slight sprinkle. we had a very fine rain last night – to-day has been cloudy – & at night, it is again raining finely – hauling out manure to-day – got out 86 bushels of wheat on Friday –

8th – we had a fine rain on Saturday night – corn is improved prodigiously – we have the promise of a very heavy crop – Moses, Gawen and Reuben recommenced the line ditch ~~next~~ Mr. ~~Wh~~ weekly on the 1st inst. having left it about the 20th June for the plough –

10th the weather became very cool yesterday – & continues so to-day – thermr 65° –

13th finished threshing wheat and oats yesterday – the crop of wheat is 420 bushels – the oats yielded 450 bushels – from 18¼ acres, 28 bushels sown – giving 24 bs. pr. acre, & 16 for 1 sown – the oats in the meadow was indifferent – this & what was sown at the Cayuga we are feeding in the straw – 3 stacks of timothy are put up – finished to-day cutting Kay's run meadow – one

plough

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plough began to-day to fallow the clover at the Sugar. The weather has continued cool — too cool for the corn — & the ground is becoming hard —

15th day — Monday — 2 ploughs fallowing — part of the hands stacking hay — the other part cutting such lines used in the clover — we have a fine crop for about half an hour to-day —

17th — 3 ploughs fallowing from yesterday — our fallow is called Rod in the corn field of 1834 — see journal of 1834, p. 20 — Moses finished new line ditch yesterday — clearing out mill race to-day — finished cutting hay to-day — we have four stacks from the timothy meadow — began grubbing next year's corn field —

24th Wednesday — yesterday & to-day, we have cloudy, drizzling weather with occasional light showers — we put up about 3 stacks of hay from the Sugar meadow —

27th rained moderately all day yesterday, beginning about day-break — finished to-day the fence on the new line ditch, which was begun yesterday week — women have been grubbing — Moses cleaning out ditch from the mill roads since the 18th carpenters staying for a little time since they finished cutting hay — separated ram & wethers from the flock —

30th rained part of yesterday — & a little very heavily at night to fill the mill-pond — after feeding the cattle — shelled some of the corn ready to grubbing, & 2 joined Moses at ditching — hauling manure also — cool —

2nd Sept. Friday — finished fallowing yesterday — 2 carts began to-day

to —

to haul manure to the cart behind the cow house, on the right of the road to Mr. Fitchly's gate, dropping the loads 30 ft. apart each way — in manuring the same cart, spreading the manure as it is hauled, which experience proves to be the most efficacious mode of improving the land and equalizing the improvements — delivered yesterday 253 bush. wheat, weighing 22 3/4 lbs average 53 lbs on board the Sch: Dayard, Capt. George, sold to James Vaughn for 1.85 pr. bush:

30th Sept. Friday — my journal has been suspended nearly a month in consequence of my being ill of a bilious fever, which lasted 21 days — I rode out in the carriage yesterday for the first time — the farm-hands have been healthy, while all the horses and cattle have been more or less sick — finished pulling fodder — having begun on the 5th and cutting tops early to-day — there are 40 stacks of fodder — viz: 11 west of public road — 11 in cattle 3 & 4 and 18 in cattle 1 & 2 & the pond — the weather was exceedingly warm until a few days past, then rising generally to 80° & once to 84° — two or three mornings ago, it was 53° — we had rain on the 5th at night — on the 9th & pretty heavily on the 24th at night — but the month has been a dry one — suspended hauling manure on the 5th & resumed it again to-day with two carts —

5th Oct. Wednesday — rained all day yesterday & last night & part of to-day with very high wind — therm. at 46° this morning — covered the

the farm pen on a Monday—

7th Oct. the ground was white with frost yesterday morning—last night, more rain fell. This day has been raw and disagreeable—digging sweet and Irish potatoes—

10th Oct. a Monday—yesterday & the preceding night were rainy—

12th " we had another heavy dew yesterday—it rained very hard most of the day and last night—having finished stacking the hay fodder 36 stacks—on Monday, the hands have been gathering apples at the Dogue, when the weather permitted, since Friday last—began to day to cut down corn near the machine-barn—there is 45 this morning at 7—

17th Monday—rain had on Saturday night—began sowing wheat on the fallow at the Dogue with 3 harrows—the land was harrowed a week last weeks—

20th finished early to day sowing the fallow at the Dogue—sowed 110 bushs. early wheat & 14 bs. beards—went thence to the corn field in the cut opposite the machine barn, beginning where we started last winter—dispatched Sarah & family & Reuben—Dinah &c—to Mt. Airy on their way to Alabama—

24th sowed 33½ bushs. in the cut west of the public road, which was finished early to-day, and 8½ bushs. in the opposite cut next the barn—finished sowing this evening, having sown 101 bushs—all the wheat sown was bined

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and lined — this process separated about one bushel of chaff, light wheat &c — in eight pail into the bins, of the hearded wheat — there was much left in the early wheat — killed a fat grass beef to day, weighing 644 lb. — my crop of corn promises well — it is very heavy, where we have cut it off — the weather has been variable for a week past — we have had several very white frosts — to-night it is raining moderately —

25th Oct. Tuesday — 4 ploughs began to list, and to break up in the wet places, near the pond gate — began to pull & husk corn —

3rd Nov. Thursday — rained all day yesterday — at times very hard — until now it has been so dry, that the wheat has not come up —

5th — Therm. 30° this morning — 2 ploughs breaking up this week, except on Wednesday & Thursday — 2 carts returned hauling meal to day — lost by theft 5 sheep at one time last week — the flock is now reduced to 50 —

7th — Monday — the day of the Presidential Election — fine weather — there were given 144 votes for the Union ticket of White and Harrison — 52 votes for Martin Van Buren — Voted for Harrison for Pres.t, for Tyler for Vice Pres.t —

18th Friday — went with my family to Trenton on the 8th returned last evening — Friday last — day of the Cattle Show — was showery — it had rained hard on the preceding night — the Show was indifferent — I went to wash: on Saturday & returned on Wednesday morning — rained steadily all day on

Monday

Monday — this rain stopped the ploughs 3 days of this week — finished this morning gathering corn in the pond — we have got in about 700 barrels — the weather has been generally fine — it is the Indian summer — nights frosty — Ther. 29° this morning —

24th Nov: Monday — yesterday was a rainy day — cleared in the night —

29th Friday & Saturday last were windy & very cold — the Ther. was 23° on Sunday morning — the ice was about an inch and a half thick on the ice-pond — it snowed nearly all day yesterday — cleared in the night — and the Therm. was 20° this morning — have gathered nearly all the corn north of the public road, in all estimated at 900 bbls — killed 5 hogs on the 25th —

3rd Dec. Saturday — this week has been very cold, the Ther. falling to 21° or 22° every morning — the ground was too hard to plough except yesterday & the day before — hauling most part of the week with two carts — pulling corn west the mile —

10th finished hauling in corn yesterday & husking to-day — the ground has been so hard frozen, that we have ploughed only 3 days this week; in the pond below the house — Therm. 22° on Thursday morning — moderated yesterday — rained quite hard last night — was very mild to-day — hauling marl —

12th Monday — 4 ploughs running to-day — a part of the hands are fixing the winter farm yard — the other portion are grubbing — Francis Fitzhugh executed a deed to me to-day for 132 acres of land, being

parts

parts of Marders' and Middletown tracts, bounded as follows, viz: Be: :ginning at a young red oak in the line of the Hop Yard and Marders' tracts S 13½ E 29 poles to the white oak, corner of said line — thence S 75½ W 120.8 po: to B — thence S 4¾ E 81.5 po: to C, a marked gum on Bogg run — thence with the meanders of said run to D, a marked gum, corner to Marders & Bogg tracts — thence S 25 E 336 po; on the line of Bogg and Middletown tracts, to H, corner of Middletown and Skinker's — thence N 60¼ E 34.2 po: to G, a stake, corner to Middletown, Skinker's and Greenlaw's lands — thence N 29¾ W 324 poles to I, in the line of Middletown and Greenlaw's land — thence by the marked gum at D to the beginning — for which land I have given $5 po: acre —

14th Decr Wednesday — yesterday was showery, and towards night it rained hard — to-day was clear, with very high wind — mending roads —

17th — rained very hard last night — the ice pond gave way — be: :gan to heat out corn yesterday — have finished ploughing the pond and nearly all the wet land of my next year's corn-fields — mild weather this week — killed a very fine beef yesterday, w.t. 497 —

22nd Thursday — Tuesday night was very rainy — sometimes it fell in torrents — cleared yesterday morning with high winds and became very cold — the therm. this morning was 14° — finished a new gate to the ice-pond and stopped the water, diverting the springs alone into the pond —

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pond—

24th Decr. Saturday— killed yesterday 35 hogs, which weighed as follows,

142	154	140 ×	131	120	115 ×	109	105	104	95	90	75 × Mr. Patterson's.
157	147	140	130	118	112	107	105	102	90	90	68
156	144 ×	135	120	118	110	107	105	95	90	87	

total 4033 lbs— average weight 115 lbs. To these add 5 killed on the 25th at Co, making a total of 4613 lbs— Three more remain to be killed, which have been fattened at the mill— to-day is very mild—

26th raining gently most of yesterday— and last night & all of to-day, at times very hard— cleared away cold about dark—

31st Saturday— commenced getting ice 2½ in. thick on Thursday— it was about 3 in. thick yesterday— we finished filling the ice-house last evening— the weather was very good— & the weather mild— so we were enabled to fill the house quickly with 5 teams— cutting wood to-day— there is a great deal of ice in the river, so as to impede the navigation—

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Inventory for 1st January, 1837.

Males.

		age.
Carpenters.		
1. Joe		42
2. Anthony		72
3. Lewis		47
4. Henry	2.	27
Miller.		
5. Sampson	1	65
Gardener & Shoemaker		
6. Bill	1.	33
Jobbers.		
7. Moses		42
8. Tom	2	10
House Servants.		
9. Sam		31
10. Thaddeus, coachman,		31
11. Meredith, stable-boy,	3	12
Crop-hands		
12. Harry, foreman		60
13. George		60
14. Conway		60
15. George carteman		42
16. Lewis wagoner		41
17. William carteman		38
18. Jim plowman		37
19. Saunders "		32
20. Ralph "		32
21. Simon "		31
22. Gawen "		22
23. Billy "		19
24. John carteman	13	19
Boys at work.		
25. John carpenter		9
26. Jerry crop		9
27. Edward "		9
28. George "		7
29. John William at the Mill	5.	8

Females.

		age
House Servants.		
1. Hannah cook		27
2. Maria		38
3. Charlotte		14
4. Fanny dairy		27
Kitty B.O.B. laundress	5	32
Weaver.		
5. Hannah	1.	26
Spinners.		
6. Fanny		78
7. Prince		52
8. Grace		44
9. Lucy nurse		66
10. Milly	5.	60
Becky H.A.Ts.		76
Crop Hands.		
11. Judy		60
12. Polly		38
13. Mary		31
14. Molly		31
15. Nancy		28
16. Maria		24
17. Elsie		18
18. Rachel		14
19. Nancy	9.	12
20. Judy at overseer's		54
Invalids.		
21. Moses		75
22. Spencer		70
23. Phyllis	3	66
Joe, H.A.Ts.		80
Children.		
Mary's		
1. Judy		9
2. Rosie		6
3. Aaron	3	2

Children.

		age
Polly's		
4. Winny		10
5. Betsy		7
6. Sophy	3	1
Hannah's		
7. Joe		7
8. Lizzy		4
9. Catherine		3
10. William	4	1
Maria's		
11. Mildred		8
12. Louisa		3
13. Lewis	3	inft.
Grace's		
14. Isabella	1	7
Nancy's		
15. Sarah Ann		7
16. Jane		5
17. Robert		3
18. Fanny	4	1
Maria's		
19. Georgiana		3
20. Martha	2	1
Elsie's		
21. Grace	1	2
22. Kitty		31
23. Polly		8
24. Francis		6
25. Emily		4
26. Thaddeus		2

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Recapitulation—

Carpenters		4
Miller		1
Gardener		1
Jobbers		2
House-Servants	Male 3.	
	Female 4.	7
Boys at Work		5
Weaver		1
Spinners		5
Crop-hands	Male 13.	
	Female 9.	22
Invalids		3
Children		21
Overseer's cook		1
		73
N. A. J's Joe & Becky		2
B. O. J's Kitty		1
Total		76

Deaths—

Lucy—aged 66—Feb: 6th.—

Births—

Charlotte, of a girl—1st May—
Hannah, " do—28th " —
Kitty, " boy—5th June—

Stock &c

Horses—

2 carriage horses—		13 yrs. old next grass.
3. Red Rover		9 " " "
4. Rose	4.	8 " " "

Mares—

5. Veronica—full bred		7 " " "
6. Old Grey		old
7. Flirt—bay—at the plough		9 " " "
8. Blaire—sorrel—do		12 " " "
9. Rattle—chestnut		12 " " "
10. (Mr. Patterson's) Old Grey's colt	6	4 " " "

Plough team—

11. Blaine's bay colt		4 " " "
12. Ellen—sorrel with white face	12.	4 " " "
14. 2 old mules—		
20. 6 mules		11 " " "
21. 1 do—bay—d. Rose		5 " " "
22. 1 do—mule	12.	3 " " "

Colts—

1. Oakley, by Timoleon—d Veronica	3 " " "
2. Rattle's s. f. by Red Rover	3 " " "
3. Blaine's b. f. " do	3 " " "
4. Old Grey's b. c " do	3 " " "
5. Rosalie by Autocrat, d. Rose	2 " " "
6. Rattle's s. f. by Red Rover	2 " " "
7. Judge Sorrel's b. f. by Roanoke	3 " " "
8. " s. f.	2 " " "
9. Old Grey's b. c. by Red Rover	1 " " "
10. 1 mule colt—female	2 " " "
11. 1 do do	1 " " "
1 Jack	7 " " "
1 Jenny this Taylor's	old
3. 1 Jack colt	not weaned—

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Stock &c.

1 Bull – 1/2 Durham – 5 yrs old.
16 Oxen – 5 over – 4 " "
" 2 – 4 " "
" 8 – 3 " "
" 1 – 2 " "
12 Cows: viz: 3 very old –
Duchess 9 " "
Lady Morgan 9 " "
2 black cows 10 " "
Celia 7 " "
Kate 1/2 Durham 4 " "
Sarah, 1/4 do 3 " "
Comfort, 1/4 do 3 " "
Betsy – 3/8 do 3 " "
1 1/2 Durham bull calf, 2 yr. old in May –
7 – 2 yr: olds –
11 – 1 " " –
1 calf –
49

53 Sheep – 1 old ram –
49 ewes –
3 wethers –
17 young lambs –

13 Horses –
30 Shoats –

Implements –

1 wagon –
3 carts –
3 tumbrils –
12 sets gear –
25 ploughs; viz: 6 Davis – double –
1 do large fallowing –
6 do single –
2 Freeborn & Bros 1/2 and 2 –
7 do – single –
3 McCormick – double –
2 cultivator – harrows –
3 large double iron teeth harrows –
8 cultivators –
2 small iron teeth harrows –
2 do wooden " do –
24 weeding hoes –
grubbing hoes –
mattocks –
spades –
shovels –
ox yokes –
ox chains –
axes –
setting wedges –
4 wheat fans –
1 cradles –
4 half bush: measures –
1 pr: steelyards –
7 hogs heads –
18 fish barrels –
2 grind stones –
1 manure forks –
a still – complete –

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January 2nd Monday — The New Year began with rain — cleared at noon — but rained again at night — a heavy Northwest wind dispersed the clouds, and it became very cold — the therm. was at 13° this morning — rose to 18° during the day — & was at 12° at dark — we are beating out cow, the vessel being below us, at Belize, which is engaged to take it off, the wind & ice preventing her arrival to-day as we expected —

3rd therm. at 10° this morning — river hard frozen —

5th Lady Morgan — a mountain cow — died last night of hollow horn — this is the 2nd case of this disease within my experience — & it is remarkable, that both cows were bought — the 1st case was cured —

7th men cutting wood & hauling it since Monday — women grubbing — cold —

14th — Saturday — this week we have been fencing on the line between Mr. John Arnold & myself on Madders tract, lately bought by us of Francis Fitzhugh — and cutting and mauling rails — hauling meal occasionally — the weather has been fine, until yesterday, when it began snowing after midday — there was an inch of snow on the ground this morning, and we have been threatened with more all day —

21st the weather has been variable this week — for the most part cloudy and mild, but on Tuesday morning (17th) the therm. was 13° — yesterday was

was a drizzling day — last night, it rained very hard — and to day, it has been snowing nearly all day — it is nearly 2 inches deep — fencing and getting rails all the week except to day — 2 carts hauling marl 4 days — killed 3 hogs at the mill to day — weighing 132, 141, and 91 lbs — whole No: of hogs killed 43 — wg 4937 lbs — average wt 115 lbs —

28th — Jany — Saturday — weather mild this week — the snow has nearly disappeared from the open grounds — making rails &c all the week — and marling as usual —

31st — we had some rain on Sunday night, and it has been thawing since then — the ice is ~~afloat~~ in the river —

4th Feb: Saturday — the weather has continued mild — the river became navigable on Wednesday, having been frozen one month precisely — on Wednesday & Thursday, heat our crab apples, & made 6½ bbls. of cider — the Sch: Mary came had the wharf on Thursday morning & discharged 50 tons of plaster — we put on board of her yesterday 757½ bushs. corn, and to day 1042½ — in all, 1800 bushels —

9th Thursday — put on board the Mary on Monday 1135 bushs. and 740 bs. on Tuesday — 40 more yesterday morning, making a total of 3735 bushs. corn shipped on my account — (747 bbls.) — Mr. Wheatley shipped 305 bbls — we had some rain on Monday night — a hard rain on Tuesday night — & several very heavy showers yesterday — there was some snow this

morning

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morning — it has cleared away cold — I went to Fredg: yesterday & returned this evening —

11th Feb: finished on Thursday the fence from the upper corner of Marders' tract to the Dogue run — about 1340 yards in length — began then to maul rails in the Dogue woods for a fence in a direct line from the bars at the lower end of the Dogue field to Mr: Grealan's fence at Yellow Hill, so as to make Marders' tract and a part of the Dogue woods a standing pasture and range for my cattle — cutting a ditch on the line between Mr: Arnold's portion of Marders' and mine — weather moderate —

15th Wednesday — Monday was very cold, with a boisterous N. Wester — thermr 22° — yesterday morning 18° but the weather moderated towards evening — and last night, there was a good deal of rain — to-day is very pleasant —

18th — it is raining to-day — my estimate of allowance of corn to serve the plantation the present year, is as follows, viz:

18 p/ each. pr week for meal.	bbls. 192. 2	
negrs, horses &c as in 1836.	140. 0	
horse stable — as in 1836	31. 0½ —	364 bbls — of which the Mill will furnish about 100 " 264 bbls —

The crop of 1836 is estimated at . . . 1150 bbls.

from which, deducting the allowance of 264 bbls, leaves for sale 886 bbls.

Shipped on the 4th February to Portland . . 747 "

to that

so that 139 bbls. of the crop of 1836, remain for sale — to which add —

54½ " bbl of the Lees, rent &c — there are on hand for sale 193½ barrels — if the estimate of the crop be correct — assumed to be 1150 bbls —

Feb: 18 — Saturday — finished at noon the fence thro' the Dogue woods, begun on the 10th — 500 yds. long from Mr. Grealan's fence (about 50 yds beyond the line) to the edge of the old field now grown up in cedars & pine — thence about 100 yds to the field rented & cleared by the Lees — 214 pannels in all — finished yesterday evening the line ditch begun on the same day — the weather has become very cold again — the therm. yesterday morning was 22° & it was freezing all day — this morning it was 16° —

" 20 — the weather is again moderate — we put up to day the line fence thro' Meadows along the new ditch — 74 pannels — & along the old ditch 43 pannels —

" 25th — On Tuesday & Wednesday, 3 & 4 ploughs began in the cut adjoining last year's corn field — Thursday was a rainy day — yesterday & to-day the ploughmen were cutting wood — the other hands grubbing — the weather cleared away mild — began to sow clover seed on Wednesday on the wheat next the machine-house — re-commenced hauling marl to-day — one cart is steadily engaged hauling stalks to the cattle in the stanchion farm-yard — sowed 11 galls. clover seed in the cut opposite the machine-house —

" 28th Tuesday — began to sow oats yesterday morning in the

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perennial tree cat – but was soon stopped by rain, which continued until in the night, when it cleared away with a cold N. wester, which sunk the mercury to 24° this morning – it was 52° on Sunday –

4th March – Saturday – snow fell for several hours on Thursday – it was an inch or two deep – and the weather is again very cold – therm. 18° this morning – fencing near the mouth of Dogue & Kay's run – ploughed 2 days this week – hauling manure most of the week – sowed 3 galls. clover seed on the wheat near the barn –

9th – Thursday – ploughing on Monday – recommenced sowing oats with 4 harrows on Tuesday – stopped by rain yesterday, which continued all day – ploughing on hill-side this morning – but rain again set in about noon –

14th – Tuesday – continued to plough latter part of last week – re-commenced sowing oats yesterday – & finished about mid day cat. no 1 (Vide Journal of 1836, p 10 –) in which are sown 30 bushs. of oats and 1¾ bushs. clover seed – it rained hard last night, so that to day we were ploughing the light land in the middle of the field – sowed peas & planted potatoes on Saturday – 11th – fine weather for March –

18th – Saturday – finished marling yesterday, having hauled 670 loads – which, at the rate of 50 loads to the acre, cover about 13½ acres – to day has been showery – fine weather this week – sowing oats to-day in cat. no 3, which we are ploughing & harrowing –

22nd – Wednesday – went to Fredericksburg on Monday – detained

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there yesterday by rain, which fell moderately all day & during last night — cleared away this morning —

23th March — the last day or two have been very cool — to day has, however, been warm — finished sowing oats in cuts 3, 5 & 4 — a small corner of No 2 remains to be sown —

28th Tuesday — yesterday and to day have been holidays — we had lightning with some rain last evening — again in the night — and this evening we have had another gust with sharp lightning — therm. 70° to day

29th what a variable climate! it snowed several minutes this morning — finished sowing oats early to-day — the quantity sown is as follows, viz: 30 bushels in cut No 1, 22 in No 2, 62 in No 3, 22 in No 4, and 53 in No 5 — Total 189 bushels — Of clover seed, sowed 1¾ lbs on the wheat in cuts 6 & 4, 1¾ lbs in No 1, 1¼ lbs in No 2, 2½ lbs in No 3 — Total 7¼ lbs — cuts 2 & 3 were not sown completely —

1st April — Saturday — rained hard last night — ploughing all the week & hauling off stalks to farm yard —

6th rained moderately on Monday — Tuesday was a raw drizzly day, and yesterday it snowed all day — the ground was covered about 2 inches deep — it froze last night — therm 29° at 7 A.M. cherry trees have been in bloom for several days — & some of the peach trees are in bloom —

8th we had a gust last night — it rained very hard, and

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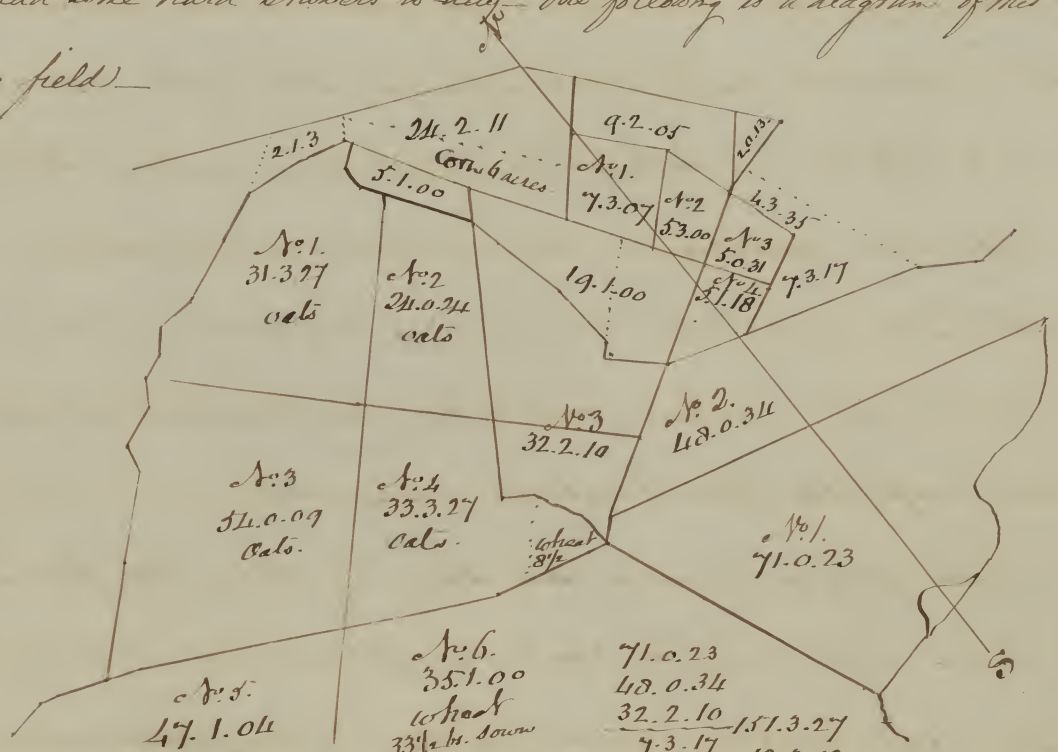
we had some hard showers to-day — the following is a diagram of this years corn field —



71.0.23
48.0.34
32.2.10 151.3.27
9.3.17
4.3.35 12.3.12
19.1.00
5.1.18
3.0.31
5.3.00
7.3.07
6.0.00
2.1.03 49.2.19
9.2.05
2.0.13 11.2.18 225.3.36
5.1.00 231 acres.

31.3.27
24.0.24
54.0.09
36.0.20
47.1.04

187.1.24, in oats —

11th April Tuesday — there was a severe frost last night, but to-day has been mild, there is a prospect of good weather — the peach trees are in full blow. 2 ploughs began splitting the hill sides after midday yesterday — 3 are ploughing in the pond, where we cultivated in corn last year — a very large portion of the fruit seems to be destroyed by the cold weather of the 6th —

13th began to plant corn to-day on the hill-sides — therm. 70° to-day — yesterday sowed beets, carrots &c —

18th Tuesday — there was much frost last night — the weather for several days

days has been cold, dry and windy — sowed yesterday & to-day 2¼ bush. clover seed in cut No 3 — making 4¾ bs. in said cut, which contains 52½ acres — 2¼ bs. in cut No 5 — and ½ bs. in part of cut No 4 — making a total of 12¼ bushs. clover seed down in parts of last year's corn field —

22d April — Saturday — there was frost this morning — it has continued dry and cool — we have fires all day — we have planted all the corn-field, except the pond West the mill woods —

24th — yesterday was a rainy day — it is too wet to plant — but the pond is in fine order to break up — set out early Cabb plants, lettuce and beets — the summer apple-trees are in blossom — also strawberries —

26th Wednesday — there were very severe frosts the two last nights — yesterday morning there was ice — began to plant the pond mid day yesterday —

27th — this was our election day — the vote was, for Congress, John Tabiaferro 173, John Gibson 59 — for the Senate, Robert W. Carter 168, Wm Bayse 66 — for H. of del: E. T. Taylor 143, R. O. Grayson 88 —

1st May — Monday — yesterday was very warm — to-day very cool — we have had constant fires until within a day or two — planted sweet potatoes last week — we expect to finish planting corn to-morrow — the carpenters, after finishing the horse stable early in the winter, built a quarter for Grace & Hannah — divided the lots behind the old stable by a pole fence — removed the old railings from the house-yard to inclose the garden — fitted the

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ice-house with a frame to hold blocks so as to protect the ice from the heat of the roof — did various jobs at the mill, besides putting new cogs to the cog-wheel — have ground plaster occasionally — removed the gates in Mr. O'Neal's line of fencing, & drawn the stakes from the garden to the gate for a new wattling — have removed and rebuilt one of the Negro quarters — and on the 27th of April, began to work for Mr. O'Neal —

23rd May — Tuesday — on the 2nd instant, we all went to Maryland — whence we returned yesterday — during my absence, the weather had been very cool and dry — there has been no rain sufficient to set out plants until Friday last — 19th — when it rained hard & hailed — there was a light rain on the preceding Monday — the wheat has improved very much — oats looks very badly — the corn has stood pretty well — the cultivators — single — have been over nearly all the field — & the hoes have weeded the upper half of the pond & all east of the main ditch — we had fires nearly every morning while we were from home —

24th — it has rained very hard to-day — Kay's run was unusually high — sheared 45 sheep yesterday —

26th Friday — yesterday was showery all day — we have had abundant rain — it is cloudy to-day — but looks like clearing off — mending roads —

29th Monday — we are running 2 cultivator-harrows in cut no 1 — 3 single cultivators in cut no 3 — hoes on the W. side of pond ditch, weeding & thinning — 75

3rd June — Saturday — the weather has been warm & seasonable for several days, the therm. rising to 82° — to day to 85° — the cultivator has now finished this evening cuts 1 & 2 — & the small cultivators have gone over four of the pond cuts & next Mr. Theobald's fence, & are now in the long cut east of the ditch — the hoes are thinning in No 2, having began it yesterday morning — Corn is growing very rapidly — & my field is in fine order —

9th — part of yesterday was drizzly — we had the promise of a good rain, which would be very acceptable, but it cleared away to-day — began this morning to throw dirt to the corn on the hill-sides — the hoes have finished thinning all the corn south of the pond road — we had a dish of beets on the 5th & of potatoes to-day — the wheat & oats have improved much since the rains of the 21st & 22d ult. the fallow at the Dogue is very promising —

12th Monday — we have had this evening a most welcome and abundant rain, falling in the most acceptable way, very gently — it continued with but little intermission for several hours — 7 single ploughs are now running, having commenced next the barn in No 2 just before the rain —

14th the ground was so wet that the ploughs were running only a part of the day yesterday — we had more heavy rain last night, so that we could only thin & set corn in cut No 3, where the worm has cut very badly within the last few cool days — it has again rained for three hours this evening — and is now raining hard at bed-time —

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17th June — Saturday — Thursday being too wet to plough, we beat out corn — & delivered 133 bushels yesterday on board the Sch. Sycorax, Capt Coleman — 7 ploughs were running yesterday in the light land of last year — to-day all hands had holiday — weather cool since the late rains — 62° to 66°

19th — 10 ploughs started to-day — but were compelled to stop early in the evening by rain, which began about midday with light showers, but it became a steady rain towards night & continued until late in the night —

24th Saturday — On Wednesday we had more rain — & we were unable to plough on that day — all this week, we have been obliged to work the highest & driest parts of the field, being able to plough very little of the pond until to-day — since 11 A.M. it has been showery — and now at 4 P.M. it is raining quite hard — went to Nanjemoy on Thursday —

26th — yesterday was showery all day — in the early part of to-day, the ploughs cut out the middles on the hill sides — & after noon, ploughed the lower part of the pond next No 1 of last year's field — hoes thinning & suckering — & afterwards weeding in pond cut No 1 —

30th began harvest to-day at the Sogue with 7 cutters — the early wheat, tho' not thick, is very good — the grain excellent — 7 ploughs continue at work in the pond cuts — rains have passed near us for several days — but we have had very slight showers, so that our work has not been interrupted —

July 3rd — Monday — we finished cutting the early wheat on Saturday,

but

but all was not put in stacks – the morning was showery but we were soon able to go on cutting the bearded wheat, which is remarkably fine

July 5th Wednesday – began yesterday to cut the wheat adjoining the machine house – where it was marled, it was excellent – and it is generally good – finished cutting early this morning – put up 3 stacks to-day – Therm. 88½° to-day – the ploughs are in the oat next the mile woods –

8th – finished the wheat harvest early on Thursday – there are 213 stacks at the bogue and 41 stacks and 1 large stack at the machine house – breaking the middles the last two days – finished oats No 182 – a part only of No 3 remains to be ploughed – the hoes have laid by the hill sides – there are many bare stone stools in the field – we never had so promising a field of corn – we had a slight shower yesterday – it has been showery most of to-day –

11th Tuesday – finished with the ploughs early yesterday evening, 4 cultivators started in the morning – 2 more in the evening in oat stubble – the hoes following – raked the marled land to-day & weeded it – the corn is very fine there –

19th – we have had no rain since the 8th until to-day – we had a very fine shower for half an hour – we cut oats 2 days last week in spots, having ripened very irregularly – began again to cut on Monday and early to-day, finished all that was ripe – the cultivators are in the pond – they have been followed closely by the hoes – Therm. 82° to-day –

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22nd

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22nd July — cultivated & hoed at work in the pond — rain would be of great service — but the corn is not suffering much — weather pleasant —

24th cutting the remainder of the oats to day — finished nearly all except the ruffled oats — a new kind, of which I sowed to bushels — it looks extremely well — fine showers fell below us & very near to the Stone this evening (Monday) — it is very dry — therm. 82° —

2nd October — on the day following the last entry — 25th July — we left home for the Va Springs, visiting the Warm, Hot, White Sulphur, Blue, and Salt Sulphur, and the Sweet Springs, also the Natural Bridge and Falls of Kanawha — On the 8th Sept. we reached Cloverdale — left there on Monday, 25th & returned via the Natural Bridge, Lynchburg & Carlosville to Fredy, where we arrived early yesterday morning — and got home this evening — a severe drought continued nearly thro' the month of August — and the corn crop was in great jeopardy — and tho' no doubt much curtailed by the dry weather, my crop seems as good as that of last year — perhaps better — There was more rain in September — on the night of the 29th, it rained very hard — Our crop of wheat was about 720 bushels. 520 bs, wg 51 3/4 (being 54 lbs to the bushel) were sold at 150 ¢ — we made about 3000× bushels oats — there was frost on the 24th August —

7th Saturday — began to sow wheat yesterday upon the hill-side, which was fallowed — sowed yesterday & to-day 24 bushels of early wheat —

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and

and then sowed the land which had been marled near the barn with bearded wheat — yesterday was very warm — therm 82°

11th October — Saturday — have sowed wheat all the week without interruption — 12 bushels sown on the marled land — 43 bushels on the opposite cut on the public road thence towards the old quarter branch — began yesterday to sow cut No 3 — have sown in all about 100 bushels — the weather has been very variable — Thursday was extremely warm — yesterday was a raw drizzly day — this morning the therm. was 38° —

17th finished No 3 early to-day having sown in it 31½ bushels — this cut is about 31 acres — proceeded thence to cut No 4 of the pond containing 5¾ acres — sowed in this cut 9½ bushels — walked thence this evening into the adjoining cut at the head of the pond —

18th — Sowed 9½ bushels at the head of the pond — and 8 bs. in cut No 3 of the pond — very warm to-day — we are without fire to-night —

24th Tuesday — sowed 18 bs. in pond cut No 1 — and 21 bushels on the N.E. side of the pond ditto — returned thence to cut No 1 of this field, and sowed 34 bushels more in this cut (in all 77 bushels) — finishing early this evening we have some more seed remaining, & are sowing it adjoining the marled land — the weather has been very warm for a week past — therm to-day 80° — went to Balt. with Mrs T. & Julia on Thursday last & returned to-day —

25th finished sowing wheat at midday, having sown 11 bushels

more

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more in cut No 2 — The whole quantity down, as above, is 221½ bushels, measured after the wheat was winned. The actual quantity is 191½ bushels. 10 were sowing 16½ days, with 7 ploughs & 1 single harrow —

27th a very heavy rain fell about noon yesterday — some rain fell during last night — it was very windy — therm. this morning 42° — it is clear & cold to night — clearing much back & a road to it, near the old landing, yesterday & to-day —

Diagram of the wheat field of 1837-8 —

1st Nov: Wednesday — ditching, mending roads & doing other little jobs until to day, when we began to haul corn from the lower end of the pond — stacked 2 ploughs in Hay's new meadow — I have omitted to state that we have 39 stacks of blade and 36 stacks of top fodder — 13 blade stacks are in cut No 1 — 12 in No 2 & fodder oats 30 — 8 in No 3 near the main ditch — 2 in pond cut 1 — 1 in cut 2 & 3 between the ditch & line fence; & 1 near the mill woods ~~on the opposite side of the ditch~~ —

11th

11th Nov: Saturday — 2 carts have been hauling meal this week, 2 ploughs going — the other hands gathering corn — early on Friday morning we had moderate rain — we have had fine weather — yesterday & today the Agricultural Show took place in Troy — 360 bbls. corn in the barn —

14th a N.E. storm began yesterday evening & continued thro' the night — there was some snow —

23rd Thursday — at the end of last week we had hauled, by estimate, 474 bbls corn — the weather has been remarkably fine and mild until to day — yesterday seems to have been the close of the Indian summer — therm. was 70° about sundown, it became showery — there was thunder & lightning — and towards night, rained quite hard — it cleared away with a very cold S.W. wind — the therm. was 32° this morning — killed a fine grass beef a few days ago wt 1493 lbs. the ploughs having finished the meadows, are listing in field No. 3 north of the road to the Ct. House —

25th Saturday — therm. 26° this morning — 744 bbls. corn secured

2nd December — Saturday — it was freezing on Monday — ground too hard to plough — yesterday, the therm was 72° — to-day 68° — We have had the most delightful weather this fall — probably unparalleled —

6th — finished securing one crop of corn yesterday — we have estimated it (by number of loads) to be about 1070 bbls. last night a little snow & some rain fell this has been a raw foggy day — therm. at

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32° this morning—

8th December Friday — killed 19 hogs to day they weighed as follows,
202 140 134 133x 128 119 114 110 105 89 Total 2448 lbs. the
161 °135x 133x 131 °122 116 112 °108 96 x overlaid
°raised at the mill—
average wt. 128.8 lbs — Two jockies at the Cague are reserved to be killed in a fortnight — the rogues have reduced on killing to the small number of 21. Here I state the remarkable fact, that the water is so low in the mill-pond, that we cannot supply our regular customers with meal —

9th it has been raining, freezing, & hailing at times to day — the sun shone at one time — weather looks threatening this evening — therm. at freezing point —

16th weather cold this week — therm. 24° & 25°, yesterday & this morning — 4 ploughs at work this week next the river in field No 2, which we shall cultivate in corn with No 3, having omitted it this year — hands grubbing 2 carts hauling meal steadily — carpenters are repairing quarters — having removed one & rebuilt another —

18th Monday — rained moderately all day yesterday, and very heavily last night and this morning — cleared at mid day — began to beat out corn —

23rd Saturday — beating out Corn 3 days this week — the 3 last days, the women have been grubbing — most of the men cutting wood — 2 carts hauling stalks to farm yard — marling as usual — weather cold this week — therm. 24° this morning — began to snow early this evening —

25th Monday — the snow was 8 or 10 inches deep yesterday morning

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the weather cleared before mid day – Therm. 22° this morning we went to Lamb's creek church but found the church closed thro congregation –

Dogue Barn –

Centre part – 31 ft 2 in. by 19 ft – 13 1/4 ft. high } measured on
2 sheds each " " " 12 " 8 7/12 " " } the inside –
shed roof – . . 5 1/3 " " }

each shed estimated to contain 246 1/2 bbls. corn in the roof; 76 1/2 = 323 bbls. each – centre 611 bbls. = 1257 bbls. of shelled corn.

31.2. × 19 × 13.3 = 13558248 in: ÷ 2218 = 6112 Bushs. – 1/2 off for cobs = 611 Bbls.

another mode – 13558248 ÷ 1728 = 7846 × 8 (cutting off 6) = 6276 Bs. 1255 Bbls. 1/2 = 627 "

Allowance corn house 16 1/2 ft × 12 1/4 – 7 ft 9 in. high – roof 7 ft high –

16.6 × 12.3 × 7.9 = 1566.4 – 7 × 1/2 of 12.3 × 12 in. = 514.
514.
2080.4 × 1728 = 3594931 ÷ 10890 = 330 bbls in ears.
165 " shelled –

or 2080 × 8 (cut off right hand figure) = 1664 Bushs. 332 Bbls in ear
166 Bbls shelled –

Inventory, 1st January, 1838.

Males.

Carpenters.		age
1. Joe.		43
2. Anthony.		73
3. Lewis.		48
4. Henry.		28
5. John.	5.	10
Miller.		
6. Hampton.	1.	66
Gardener & Shoemaker		
7. Bill.	1	34
Jobber.		
8. Moses.		43
9. Jerry.	2.	10
House Servants		
10. Sam.		32
11. Thaddeus, coachman	2.	32
Crop hands		
12. Harry - foreman.		61
13. Conway		61
14. George - cartman		43
15. Lewis - wagoner		42
16. William - cartman.		39
17. Jim - ploughman.		38
18. Saunders "		33
19. Ralph "		33
20. Simon "		32
21. Gawen "		23
22. Billy "		20
23. John - cartman		20
24. Meredith.	13.	13
25. Edward		10
26. John William.		9
27. George.		8

Females.

House servants		age
1. Maria.		39
2. Kitty.		32
3. Hannah, cooks.		28
4. Fanny - dairy.		28
5. Kitty, B.O.T. laundry		33
6. Isabella - scullion	5.	8
Weaver		
6. Hannah.	1.	27
Spinners.		
7. Fanny.		79
8. Milly.		61
9. Annie		53
10. Grace - nurse		45
Becky H.A.T.	5.	77
Crop Hands.		
11. Polly.		39
12. Mary		32
13. Molly		32
14. Nancy.		29
15. Alice		19
16. Charlotte		15
17. Nancy.	7.	13
18. Judy - overseer's cook.		55
19. Rachel "		15
Invalids.		
1. Moses.		76
2. Spencer.		71
3. Phyllis.		67
4. George.		61
5. Inez.		61
Joe H.A.T.	6.	81

Children.

Polly's -		age
1. Winny.		11
2. Betty		8
3. Sophy.	3	2
Mary's -		
4. Judy.		10
5. Rosa		7
6. Aaron.	3	3
Hannah's		
7. Joe.		8
8. Lizzy		5
9. Catherine		4
10. William.		2
11. Becky.		5. infl.
Maria's -		
12. Mildred.		9
13. Louisa		4
14. Lewis.	3	1
Kitty's -		
15. Polly.		9
16. Frances.		7
17. Emily		5
18. Thaddeus		3
19. Cornelius.		5. infl.
Nancy's -		
20. Sarah Ann		8
21. Jane.		6
22. Robert		4
23. Fanny.	4	2
Alice's		
24. Grace.		3
Charlotte's -		
25. Becky.		infl.

Inventory for 1838.

Recapitulation.

Carpenters	5.
Miller	1.
Gardener	1.
Jobbers	2.
House Servants.	
Male	2.
Female	5.
Crop Hands.	
Male	14.
Female	7.
Boys at House	2.
Weaver	1.
Spinners	4.
Overseer's cook & girl	2.
Invalids	5.
Children	25.
	76.
Joe & Bickey	2.
Kitty	1.
	3.
Total	79

Deaths.

29 May – Conway – aged 61 – of diarrhea –
26 June – Spencer – 71 – suddenly –
17 Sept – Moses – 76 – do –

Births.

24 Jany – Polly, of a boy –
1 Mar – Nancy, " do –
1 Sept – Mary, " do –
15 Nov – Eliza, " do –
6 Dec – Kitty, " girl –
25 " – Hannah, " do –

Stock &c.

2. carriage horses – 5 & 6 years old – next grass –
3. Red Rover . . 10 " " "
4. Rose . . 9 " " "
5. Veronica – thorough-bred 8 " " "
6. Flirt – bay – 10 " " " at the plough –
7. Blaine – sorrel . 13 " " " do – sold J. Staples
8. Rattle – chestnut 8. 13 " " "

Plough team.

9. Ned – bay horse 5 " " " out of Blaine –
10. Ellen – sorrel w. white ft. 5 " " " bot of J. J. Lomax in 1837.
11. Sophy – " – Rattle's – 4 " " " by Red Rover –
12. Kitty – bay – Blaine's – 4 " " " " do –
13. " – Old Grey's – 4 " " " " do –
14. Cornelia " by Romoke – 4 " " – bot of J. J. Lomax "
15. Charlotte. sorrel – 7. 3 " " " do – "

Mules –

16. Sam . . very old
17. Charles . . "
18. Jerry . . 12 " " "
19. Jenny . . 12 " " "
20. Polly . . 12 " " "
21. Peggy – out of Rose – 6 " " "
22. Bruiser . . . 4 " " " bot of J. S. Bembry in 1834.
23. mare mule . . 3 " " " " J. Owens " 1835.
24. do . . 9. 2 " " " " Th: Cliff " 1836.

Colts.

25. Rosalie. grey. 3 " " " out of Rose by Autocrat –
26. sorrel . 3 " " " " " Rattle " Red Rover –
27. bay colt . 2 " " " " " Old Grey " do –
28. Llewellyn – do . 1 " " to W. A. T. " " Veronica " Robin Brown
29. sorrel " 6. 1 " " " " " Rattle " do –
30. do " 6. 1 " " " " " Rose " do –

31. Jack . . 8 " "
32. Jenny . . old – Chs. Taylor's –
33. Young Jack . 3. 1 –

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April 12th Thursday— After an absence of more than three months in Richmond, I resume the agreeable task of recording agricultural memoranda &c— I returned home on Saturday last— On the preceding Wednesday— 4th— Mr. Patterson had just finished sowing 100 bushels of oats, in the corn field of last year— the ground was frozen during the month of February— and March was a very wet month— hence the delay in sowing oats, the ground not being in order until the 26th March— Towards the last of Feby, 680 bbls. of corn were shipped to Portland for Sch: Mary, Capt. Smith— 200 bbls. had previously been shipped for Sch: Rachel Ann, Capt Knight— 12 bushels of clover seed were sown this spring— On Monday last, plastered a part of last year's clover— began to plant corn yesterday evening, until the Dague rain—

" 14th— to-day the hands had holiday— the peach trees & the cherry are in full blow— the weather is cold & dry— last Sunday was a rainy day but the cold, high winds have hardened the ground—

" 15th— it snowed, hailed & rained yesterday & to-day— therm. sunk to 36° to-day— holidays continue to-day—

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April 17th Tuesday — we commenced planting corn to-day north of the public road — weather continues raw & cold — wind S.E. to-day — during the winter, hauled out 1044 loads of marl, covering about 20 acres from the river above the marl banks to the public road — & about half of the cut with farm yard manure —

" 19th rained very hard last night — & to-day has been again very cold & windy, threatening snow & rain —

" 21st Saturday — it snowed most of the day yesterday — at times, very hard — last night, ice made over an eighth of an inch thick & the ground froze hard — today has been clear and cold —

" 24th finished early this morning planting in field No. 3, excepting the meadows & new ground — & proceeded to plant in No. 2, between the public road and river — wind east — raw & disagreeable weather — drizzling to-night —

" 27 — the two last days have been rainy & drizzling weather, during which we have sown plaster — yesterday was our election — the poll at its close stood thus; for Howe 127, Taylor 119 —*

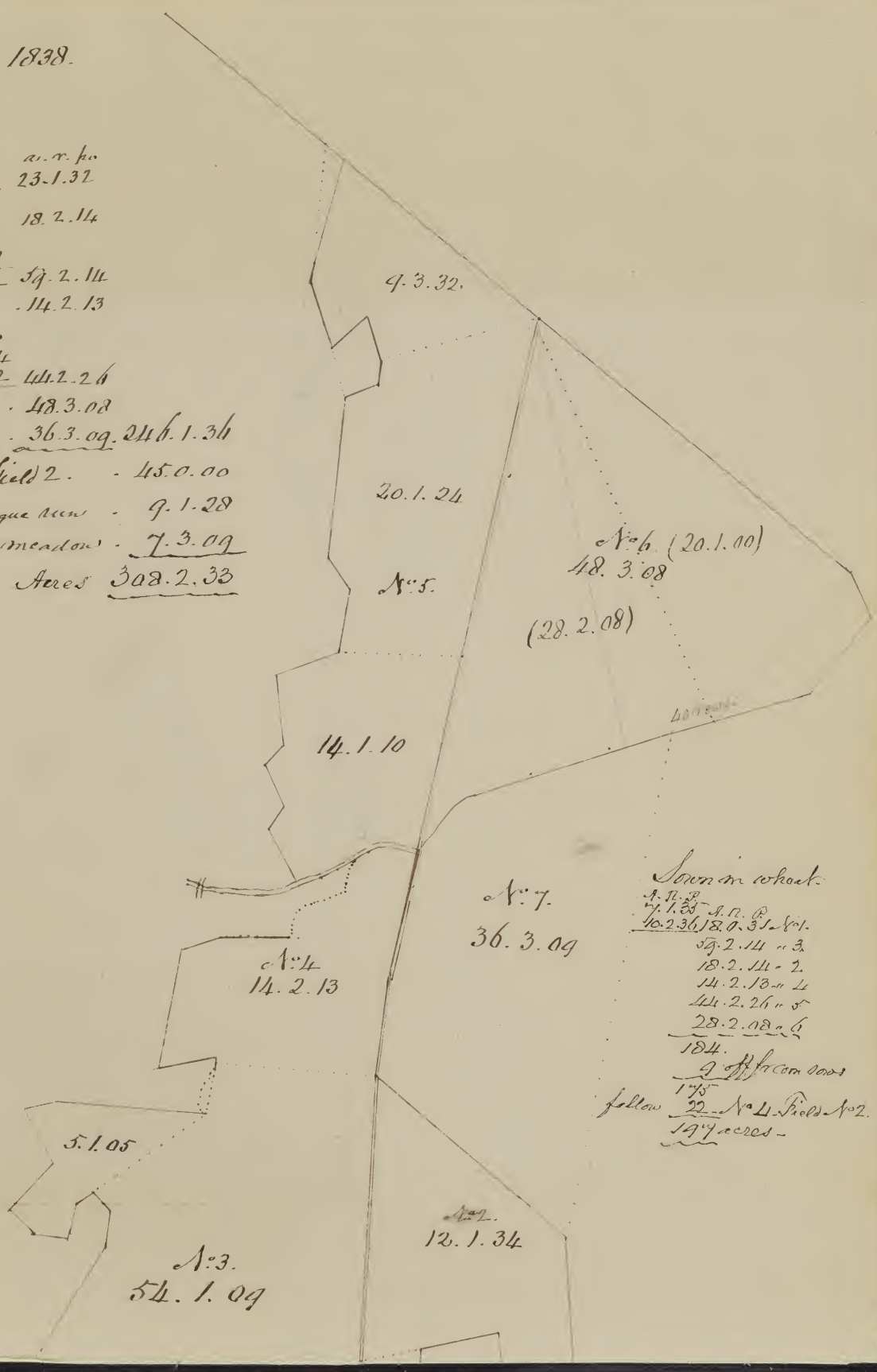
" 28 — to-day has been very warm — summer apple trees are in full bloom — we are ploughing the meadows anew, preparing to plant them.

May 1st Tuesday — frost this morning — yesterday & to-day have been quite

*V. pp. 8 & 9.

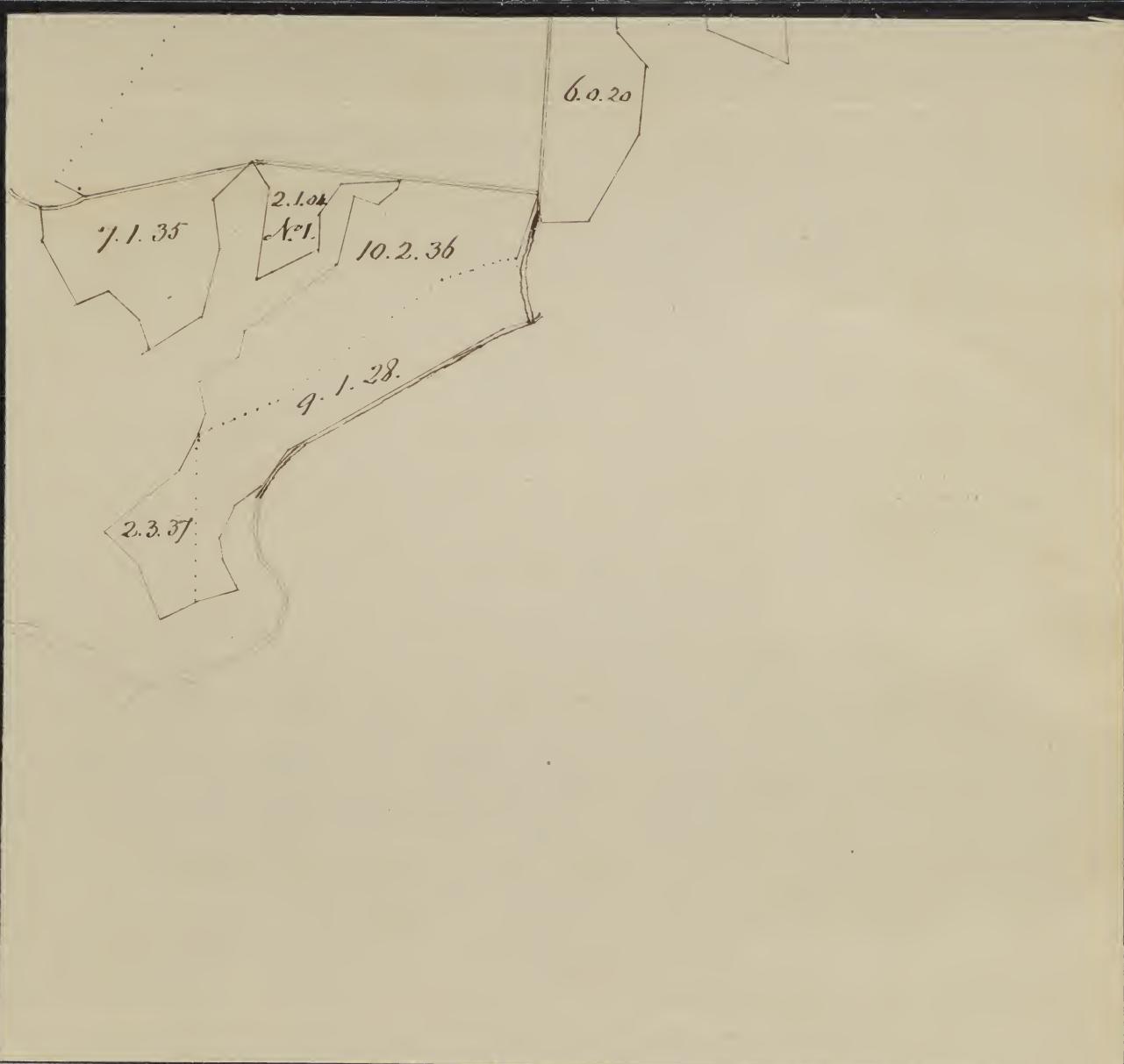
Corn field of 1838.

Cat. No. 1.	7.1.35		
	2.1.04		
	10.2.36	a. r. po	
	2.3.37	23.1.32	
" No. 2	12.1.34		
	6.0.20	18.2.14	
" " 3.	54.1.09		
	5.1.05	59.2.14	
" " 4.	.	14.2.13	
" " 5.	14.1.10		
	20.1.24		
	9.3.32	44.2.26	
" " 6.	.	48.3.08	
" " 7	.	36.3.09	246.1.36
" " 4 & 5 of Field 2.		. 45.0.00	
" On Conversogue river		. 9.1.28	
10 of the Sogue meadows		. 7.3.09	
Acres		308.2.33	



Sown in wheat.

	A. R. P.	
7.1.35	A. R. P.	
10.2.36	18.0.31	No. 1.
	59.2.14	" 3.
	18.2.14	" 2.
	14.2.13	" 4
	44.2.26	" 5
	28.2.08	" 6
	184.	
	9 Ac for corn roots	
	175	
follow	22	No. 4 Field No. 2.
	197 acres –	



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quite cold – ploughing upper Bogue meadow – & cleaning new ground in field No. 3 –

3rd May – Thursday – yesterday was showery – planted the meadows – and are now ploughing and preparing the new ground – weather unsettled –

5th yesterday was a rainy day – and rained heavily last night – we finished this morning plastering the clover down this spring – at work in the new ground – wheat looks very promising – and grass finely –

12th Saturday – the weather has been cold all the week, until to-day – on Wednesday morning, there was much frost – began to plant the new ground on Thursday – & finished to-day – sheared our sheep – 53 in number – product 218 lb. wool unwashed – we have planted 44 bush. corn –

15th Wednesday – warm seasonable weather for several days – started 6 cultivators to-day on the hill sides & level above the Bogue new – corn has come up very well – the land is in fine order for work – sowed sugar beet seed yesterday – the hoes, after finishing weeding the hill sides near Hay's new, are following the cultivators –

19th Saturday – we had a pretty rain last night – & some light showers on Thursday, which have refreshed vegetation – 7 cultivators are running – have finished cuts 1, 2, 3 – & are now in No 6 –

24th Thursday – very heavy rain yesterday thro' the day – towards Friday, fell in torrents – it put the stiff land near the river in fine order

order for the cultivators, which finished about mid-day - replanted corn in the same cut - began to run 4 double cultivators in cut No 1 two single ones on the hill sides -

26th May - Saturday - we had several heavy showers yesterday - so cold as to require fires - cultivators in cut No 2.

28th - we had more rain yesterday - continues cold - corn is very low - hoes have weeded the meadow below the ice-pond - and are to-day weeding & thinning hill side near Kay's run -

2nd June - Saturday - we had a refreshing shower last night - the cultivators finished field No 3 at mid-day yesterday - and are now in field No 2 north the river - the hoes have weeded all the meadows and are now in the new ground - 2 ploughs precede the hoes - fine growing weather - gave to the hands part of to-day - Conway died suddenly on Tuesday -

5th - yesterday much rain fell - and during last night - it was Whitsun tide holyday - being too wet to run the cultivators to-day, we had 5 ploughs in the new ground - corn is now growing finely -

6th - we had several very heavy showers this morning - and it rained again before sundown - the ground is very wet -

7th - the election held on the 27th April being contested by me, and Mr. Hoe having resigned in order to a new election, this came on to-day - and after a most arduous and exciting struggle, the result

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result terminated in favor of the Whigs — the vote at the close of the polls, was, for Taylor 145 — Howe 141 —

11th June — Monday — very warm since Saturday — therm. on that day was 85° — to day, 87° — the cultivators finished west the river on Friday — We turned to cut no 1 — thence to no 4 — and are now in cuts 5 & 6 — 2 small cultivators are in the Dogue meadow —

13th continues very warm — finished weeding new ground early yesterday — after cutting up some briers in cuts 5 & 6, proceeded to thin corn — 7 single ploughs started this morning, throwing dirt to the corn, beginning on the hill side west of King's run — we have potatoes and beets — the wheat is improving — & promises to be a very fine crop —

16th — 10 ploughs running the last 3 days — after ploughing cut no 2 & parts of no 1, we proceeded into the Dogue meadows — corn grows very fast — does thinning before the ploughs —

19th Tuesday — we had a fine rain for 15 minutes about dark yesterday — this morning we began with 4 cutters to cut the early wheat on the house hill side — the ploughs finished cut no 1 to day & are in no 3 — does thinning in 4 & 5 —

21st — we have 93 shocks of early wheat — began to cut clover & orchard grass at the lower end of the garden, which is very heavy — cool, pleasant weather, well adapted to ripen the wheat — ploughs went into cuts 5 & 6 this morning — Moses has been ditching the Dogue meadows for a month or more —

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the carpenters have just raised the frames of a stable at the Grange — they prepared the timber during the winter & spring — & sawed posts & rails also for fencing — they hauled the same with the Windsor hands & Col. Baber's on the last three days during the month of April —

23rd June — Saturday — the hoes & ploughs finished cut No 8 at mid-day — & proceeded next the river in field No 2 — we had a moderate rain about an hour this evening — & there is a shower passing at bed-time —

25th — we had several very heavy rains yesterday — our ditches were quite full — & the runs very high — too wet to plough next the river this morning, so we went into the new ground until after midday —

27th — finished ploughing next the river — & returned to the new ground — the hoes cleaning yard at the wheat machine. Spencer died very suddenly —

29th — with 4 callers we cut yesterday the spots of ripe wheat, putting it in shocks after the callers — but finding the wheat generally too green, we resolved to stop cutting and to thresh out the early wheat — we started the machine at 11 to-day, 3 carts hauling — last night we had some rain — a heavy gust passed near to us — the ploughs finished the new ground early enough yesterday to plough most of Kay's run meadow below the public road —

30th Saturday — we were interrupted by rain about 2 P.M. & prevented from threshing out all our early wheat — a few shocks remain in the field —

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it rained very hard for a little while — gave to the hands the remainder of the day.

2nd July — Monday — we had a very hard rain with high wind yesterday afternoon — we commenced harvest to-day with 7 cutters, who cut down the 32 acre cut, 2 of the cutters beginning late — put up the wheat in stacks, it not being dry enough to stack —

4th 8 cutters yesterday & to-day — finished early this evening the old quarter cut — have put up 2½ stacks — rain yesterday & again to-day compelled us to put the wheat in stacks — corn is growing rapidly — the mr 83° —

6th yesterday was the warmest day we have had this summer — the therm. rose to 86° — to-day has been cool — 7 cutters yesterday & to-day, who finished cutting wheat early this evg — the wheat in the pond cuts was very light, containing much cheat, corage &c — the lower part of the pond was fine — we have 8 stacks put up — except stacking while the dew was on the ground, we have hauled steadily the 2 last days —

7th Saturday — finished harvest before the sun set — there are 9 stacks of wheat, besides one of forward wheat — there are 252 shocks in cuts 1 & 2 and 153 in no 3 — the wheat in stacks was taken from these cuts — 52 shocks in pond cut no 1 — 29 in no 3 — 30 in no 4 — & 26 at head of the pond — total number 542 —

10th therm. 86° on Sunday — 89° yesterday — 90° to-day — the sprinkles began yesterday to break out middles in our corn field — shipped to-day by Sch. Harry Page, Capt. Wroten, to Baltimore, 173½ bushels of the forward wheat — a bushel of it weighed

61¾

61¾ lbs — hoes in Hay's meadow, below public road — numerous beetles are now seen in the corn field —

12th July — Thursday — Therm. 94° yesterday — 88° to-day — we had abundant showers this morning —

14th — we had more rain on Thursday night — also yesterday morning, at noon to-day we finished ploughing — 8 cultivators started in the cal. and the river — began this morning to cut oats with 5 cutters — hoed on the Dogue hill-sides — weather cool & pleasant since the rains —

18th — Therm. 89° to-day — 86° yesterday — 6 cutters cutting oats the last three days —

20th Friday — finished the oats yesterday — we have 390 shocks, as marked on the diagram of 19. of last year's journal — & supposing there to be at least 10 shocks in the rows where the corn was heaped, we have a total of 400 shocks, which are likely to yield nearly 3000 bushels — very warm — Therm. 90° yesterday — 94° to-day — 4 cultivators in oats 586 — hoes in upper Dogue meadow —

21st — Therm. 88° — we had a refreshing shower at 2 P.M. for 20 minutes — hoes laying by the new ground corn —

24th Tuesday — cutting hay in Hay's run meadow — the grass is very abundant — the cultivators finished at midday yesterday — the hoes finished the new ground early this morning — & are now weeding the meadow below the ice-pond — weather very pleasant — Therm. 72° yesterday — 75° to-day —

28th

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28th July Saturday – Ther. 88° on the 26th 92° on the 27th & 91° to day – this evening we had a gust & a moderate rain – having finished our corn on Thursday, we were cutting blue weed in the Tague field yesterday & stacking hay – have put up 2 stacks – gave holiday to all hands to-day –

1st August – Wednesday – we had a very fine rain last night – we began on Monday to thresh wheat – continues very warm – 95° on Sunday – 87° to-day – the early wheat shipped to Balt. sold @ 150¢ expenses 6¼¢ – its average wt 59¼ –

4th Saturday – threshed 770 bushs. wheat this week –

7th Tuesday – continues very warm – and very dry – corn is suffering for want of rain – 95° to-day – we have put up 7 stacks of hay from Kay's new meadow which will average 3000 weight – making, by estimate, the product of the meadow to be 10½ tons –

11th threshed 448 bushs. wheat four days of this week – on Friday we began to fan out, & delivered 510 bushs – & to day 600 – Total 1110 – weighing 1103.30 (some of it as high as 60½lbs – 59 the lowest) on board the sloop Agapelica, Capt. Morgan – it being sold to Messrs. Phillips & Son @ 125¢ – the quality was excellent – we broke the machine on Thursday week – it has been very warm & very dry this week – Ther. the two last days at 89° – to day 92° – rained moderately about an hour the night – the house spring has become dry, which is a strong evidence of excessive drought, being only the 2d instance since I have lived here –

7th Sept. Friday – came home yesterday on a short visit – having been

a week

absent with my family in Maryland since the 13th ultimo — on the 21st — Mr Fallerton delivered 183 bushs. wheat, viz 171½ bushs — on the 28th, having finished threshing the oat crop, which measured 1400 bushs, he began to pull fodder — no rain has fallen in my absence, sufficient to lay the dust — the drought of this year is thought to be greater than was ever before known in this country — In Prince Georges — at Bel-Air — there has been no rain to set out a tobacco plant since the 13th of July — 8 weeks yesterday — the crop of corn promises to be more than half an average one on my farm — there was frost on Monday & Tuesday last — to day was warm — 84° —

29th Sept. Saturday — returned home with my family yesterday — there has been no case of fever this fall — this month has been very rainy — rained heavily on the 11th & 12th — on the 20th — very hard on the 23rd — again on the 26th — yesterday was showery — commenced raining very hard last night — & continued until mid-day — the meadows were overflowed, being the third time since the late rains set in — there was frost on Monday morning last —

1st Oct. we are stacking top fodder — much of it is injured, being exposed to the late heavy rains — some blades were also spoiled — ditching Hay's run, having begun at the river to widen & deepen the old ditch —

6th Saturday — finished stacking top fodder on Wednesday — there are 36 stacks of blades & 39 of tops — cutting off & piling corn — the weather has been quite warm this week — but it continues very healthy

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healthy — 5 stacks of blades are in field No 2, leaving 31 for field No 3 —

8th October — began to sow forward wheat in the cut near the barn, between the public road & river, which was mulled last winter — there was a slight frost this morning — Superior Court commenced its sessions to day —

11th — rained very heavily part of yesterday — sowed 26½ bushels of forward wheat and 8 of bearded in the above-mentioned cut — began this morning on the other side of Kay's run in cut No 1 — we are now running 5 double ploughs & 2 harrows each with 2 yokes of oxen — we began with 10 single ploughs & 2 small harrows —

15th — commenced raining very hard before day this morning — & continued after sunrise more moderately until mid day — it then cleared finely — & we resumed our wheat sowing in cut No 2 — there was frost on Saturday 13th — and to day —

17th Wednesday — finished at midday sowing cut No 2, in which (59½ acres) are sowed 67½ bushels & 5 bushels in the 7 acre cut below the public road — have just gathered all the apples.

18th — sowed 13 bushels in the 10½ acre cut in No 1 — which we finished about midday — & went into cut No 3 — much frost this morning — thermometer 41° at 7 A.M.

19th — this has been a wet day — rain began in the night & has continued to fall moderately all day —

20th — too wet to sow to-day — calling off corn with all hands —

24th Wednesday — sowed Monday & yesterday — 24 bushels are down in cut —

cat No 3 — (and 12½ bs. in No 4 — we have had another very wet day, the rain beginning early last night — & continuing until 4 P.M.

26th Oct. Friday — land too wet to sow wheat until this morning, when we commenced in No 5, sowing seed wheat from Orange Leo: —

29th Monday — On Saturday, we finished sowing 30 bushs. in cat No 5, which is designed for making my seed wheat for the next year — we sowed a little in No 0 — more rain fell yesterday for three or four hours, but it was not too wet this morning to prevent our sowing —

31st — went yesterday to Key, returning in the evg — finished sowing 24 bushs. wheat in cat No 0, at noon yesterday — We have sown 180½ bushs. of my present year's crop, measured after brining — but by measuring what remains, we find that the quantity sown is 156 bushs., so that the brining increases the bulk about 13½ pr. ct, and the seed sown in the several cats is less by 13½ pr. cent than is stated above — 30 bushs. of seed wheat bought in Key, makes the whole crop sown to be 186 bushs — We have a remnant of 42 bushs. made 4 bbls. of crab cider to day — grubbing Dogue field next outer gate — cold & windy —

1st Nov. Thursday — therm. 30° this morning — the Assessor, Mr. Alexr G. D. Ashton, assessed my land last week at the following rates — 1200 acres arable land @ 12$ pr. acre — 853 acres wood land @ 6$ — 132 acres bot of Fitzhugh @ $5 — Total 2185 acres $20.178 — improvements do. $7.134½ — $27.312½ — all correct to day —

2nd the carpenters have been one week employed in taking up, repairing

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repairing & fixing the pump — started 2 ploughs to day near outer Dogue gate — it seems to-day to be the beginning of Indian Summer —

12th Nov. Monday — went with my family to Mt. Airy on Saturday 3rd inst. — the next day was rainy — again on Thursday, there were frequent showers early in the day, & towards evening, the rain fell in torrents — the rivers were higher here than I have ever known them — over the bridges & inundating all the meadows — the heavy rain prevented our return on Friday — on Saturday we came to Oakhurst & home this morning — began last week to get in corn — about 250 bbls. are in the barn — Moses finished last week the ditch on King's run, which has been cleared & widened from the river to the public road — 658 yards — it was begun late in August —

17th — this week has been unseasonably warm, with slight showers yesterday, & several nights ago, but to day has been frosty — we have had no interruption in getting in corn; & have, by estimate, 500 bbls. in the barn (cuts 3, 4, 5, 6 & half of No. 2 gathered) — attended the Gen'l Court martial to-day — storing away our vegetables — we have 2 of g. carts —

19th Monday — yesterday was a rainy day — cleared away cold last night — therm. 29° this morning —

22d Thursday — went to Freeg on Monday — returned this evg. — 2 days too hard to plough — began to haul meal to-day with 2 carts on cat, alone meal trunk, a part of which was not down — Elia had a lay last night — pleasant day —

23rd very mild to day — therm. 66° —

26th Monday — yesterday was a snowy day, beginning about 10 A.M. — the

the therm. varying from 29° to 21° at sundown — last night was very cold therm. 13° at 7 o'clk. A.M. to-day — ground white with snow, & ice ¾ in. thick — have no recollection of such cold weather in Nov. the carpenters finished the repairs to the Dogue Barn (shingling excepted) on Saturday — Since harvest & hay-making time (about 20th of August) they have been engaged in sawing timber & building a stable at the Dogue — putting new sills and weather boarding barn — & converting into a corn house the shed which was used for stabling — it requires nothing now but a new roof — The two sheds are estimated to contain 640 bbls. shelled corn (body & roof full), being each 31 ft. 2 in. long — 12 ft. wide — 8 ft. 7 in. high — roof 5 ft. 4 in. high — about 750 bbls. corn husked — began on Friday aforesd. to haul from the new ground, all being now gathered from this field, excepting the new ground cut & the meadows on Stag's run — fanning to-day in the barn — carpenters doing some work at mill —

30th. Nov. Friday — the weather has moderated — the therm. being at 26° for several mornings — ground too hard to plough — killed our hogs to-day 24 in number — weighing as follows:

245 222 175 127 121* 107 101 92 90 78 77 125 *weed-eaten.
235 206 128 124* 121 105 96* 90 86 77 64* 115 — 3087 lbs.

average weight 125 lbs — the five heaviest hogs, weighing 1083 lbs. were kept in a pen at the Dogue, & fed from the garden chiefly — the rest were raised in the usual way, excepting the two last, which were raised

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at the mill — carpenters cleaning out & fixing ice-house & doing other little jobs — they have now to repair the dairy & to run a line of post & railing under the hill —

3rd December — Monday — finished hauling corn on Saturday night — 15 to 17 loads have been generally hauled daily — there were 253 loads with the shucks on — & 41 loads without shucks — estimating the first at 3 bbls. pr. load, & the second at 5 pr — makes 948½ bbls — add 157½ bbls. made in the Dogue meadow below the road, fed to the hogs — and the crop will be about 1000 barrels — a good yield for so dry a year — 4 ploughs are running at the Dogue — they are now listing out No 1 — having finished out 243 —

5th — Several showers fell during last night — & this has been a wet, drizzling day — pewning corn in barn — & fixing farm pen &c. the last three days —

8th Saturday — we were surprised by snow this morning, which fell about an hour & then cleared away finely. Surveyed the line between Greenlaw & Arnold, and Greenlaw & myself — made a young hickory a common corner — and marked it accordingly. All hands began to grub at the Dogue to day

10th Therm. was 16°. this morning & the day has continued very cold — the ploughs started in out No 4. where the cover is considerable, cutting 4 furrows, the land being usually very wet in the spring —

11th began to day to shell corn with a corn sheller made by Parker, of Richmond — it shelled a tub — 1½ bbls — in 15 minutes — 6 bbls pr. hour — employing 5 hands, besides a woman & 3 or 4 youngsters to clean away the cobs — weather

quite

quite mild to-day — trimmed some of my grape vines — finished marling in the river-side cut of field No 2, which was begun on the 23d. all hauled 181 loads —

13th Sec. all hands began to-day to shell corn, excepting two who are ploughing & one cartman —

15th Saturday — rained moderately all day yesterday & part of last night — cleared away this morning — this has been a spring-like day —

17th it has been snowing since 10 A. M. the ground is white — killed a very fine beef this morning, being the third killed this fall —

18th last night was warm & drizzling — all the snow melted to-day began to deliver corn to the Sch. Mary, Capt. Smith — put on board 700 bushels, having begun very late after breakfast —

20th finished loading the vessel about noon, having put on board 1700 bushels (340 bbls) — clear & cold — wind N. W.

22d weather is again quite mild — ploughs going —

24th Monday — became very cold yesterday, the mercury falling during the day from 28° to 22° — it was 14° this morning — we are digging good marl on the Dogue hill —

28th Friday — the therm. has been about 20° every morning since the 24th — it has continued to freeze — there is now so much ice on the river as to prevent navigation — were it not for the holidays, we

should

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should fill our ice house —

29th There are about 3 inches of Snow upon the ground with a thick crust — it fell early last night — my hands have had all the week except Monday —

31st Monday — therm. 14° yesterday & 9° this morning — we are getting ice over 5 in. thick — 3 ox-carts, 2 lumbrels & 1 wagon hauled 72 loads to day —

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Inventory 1st January 1839.

Males.

Carpenters.		age
1. Joe.		44
2. Anthony.		74
3. Lewis.		49
4. Henry.		29
5. John.	5.	11
Miller.		
6. Sampson.	1.	67
Gardener & Shoemaker.		
7. Bill.	1.	35
Jobbers.		
8. Moses.		44
9. Jerry.	2.	11
House-Servants.		
10. Sam.		33
11. Thaddeus - coachman.		33
12. George - Stable-boy -	3.	9
Crop-hands.		
13. Harry - foreman.		62
14. George - cartman.		44
15. Lewis - wagoner.		43
16. William - cartman.		40
17. Jim - ploughman.		39
18. Saunders - "		34
19. Ralph - "		34
20. Simon - "		33
21. Gawen - "		24
22. Billy - "		21
23. John - cartman.		21
24. Meredith.		14
25. Edward.		11
26. John Wm.	14	10

Females.

House Servants.		age
1. Maria.		40
2. Kitty.		33
3. Hannah - cook.		29
4. Fanny - dairy.		29
Kitty - B.O.T. - laundry.		34
5. Isabelle - scullion.	6.	9
Weavers & Spinners.		
6. Hannah.		29
7. Fanny.		80
8. Milly.		62
9. Innie.		44
10. Grace - nurse.		46
11. Becky - N.S.T.	6.	78
Crop-hands.		
11. Polly.		40
12. Mary.		33
13. Molly.		33
14. Nancy.		30
15. Elsie.		20
16. Charlotte.		16
17. Nancy.		14
18. Winny.		12
19. Judy.	9.	11
20. Judy - overseer's.		56
21. Rachel "	2.	16
Invalids.		
22. Phyllis.		68
23. George.		62
24. Andy.		62
Joe - N.S.T.	4.	82

Children.

Polly's.		age
1. Betsy.		9
2. Sophy.		3
3. Charles.	3.	1
Mary's.		
4. Rosa.		8
5. Aaron.		4
6. Watkins.	3.	infl
Hannah's.		
7. Joe.		9
8. Lizzy.		6
9. Catherine.		5
10. William.		3
11. Becky.		1
12. Lucy.	6.	infl
Maria's.		
13. Mildred.		10
14. Louisa.		5
15. Lewis.	3.	2
Kitty's.		
16. Polly.		10
17. Frances.		8
18. Emily.		6
19. Thaddeus.		4
20. Cornelius.		1
21. Aggy.	6.	infl
Nancy's.		
22. Sarah Ann.		9
23. Jane.		7
24. Robert.		5
25. Fanny.		3
26. James.	5.	1
Elsie's.		
27. Grace.		4
28.	2.	infl
Charlotte's.		
29. Becky.	1.	2

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Recapitulation.

Carpenters	5.
Miller	1.
Gardener	1.
Jobbers	2.
House Servants	
Male	3.
Female	5.
Crop Hands	14.
Male	14.
Female	9.
Spinners	5.
Overseers	2.
Invalids	3.
Children	29.
	79.
Joe & Becky	2.
Kitty	1.
	3.
	82.

Deaths—

Thaddeus[x] Kelly's 4 25th April—
Louisa[x] Maria's 5 3 May—
Joe — 82 yrs old — 10 July—
Kitty[x] 5 Hannah's 16 Sept—
Becky[x] 2 do 17 "
Aaron[x] 4 Mary's 21 "
Joe[x] 9 Hannah's 11 Oct—
Lizzy[x] 6 do 15 "

Births—

Maria 12th April of a girl—

[x] 139 Scarlet fever—

Stock &c.

2. carriage horses	6 & 7 yrs.	old	next grass—
3. Red Rover	11.	"	"
4. Surry		"	" sold 3 Jany to Wm Greenlaw—
5. Rose	10	"	" " at Windsor sale 28 Oct.
6. Veronica — full bred	9	"	"
7. Rattle — chestnut	14	"	" sold to Robt. Wallace in Gray—
8. Flirt — bay	11	"	" at the plough—
9. Rosalie — grey	4	"	" d. Rose by Autocrat—
Plough-team.			
10. Ned — bay	6	"	" out of Blaize — sire unknown—
11. Ellen — sorel w. wh. ft.	6	"	" bot of J. T. Lomax in 1837.
12. Sophy — chestnut	5	"	" out of Rattle by Red Rover.
13. Kitty — bay	5	"	" " " Blaize " do
14. Coll "	5	"	" " " old Gray " do (Sold Sir Lee Dr.)
15. Cornelia	5	"	" bot of J. T. Lomax — by Roanoke.
16. Charlotte — sorel	4	"	" do do —
Mules.			
17. Sam	very old		
18. Charles	do		
19. Jerry	13	"	" sold B. O. T. 6 Nov—
20. Jenny	13	"	"
21. Polly	13	"	"
22. Peggy	7	"	"
23. Bruiser	5	"	"
24. Judy	4	"	"
25.	3	"	"
Colts.			
26.	sorel f.	4	" " d. Rattle by Red Rover (Sold R. Wallace)
27.	bay h.	3	" " d. Old Grey " do
28.	sorel h.	2	" " d. Rattle " Robin Brown—
29.	do h.	2	" " d. Rose " do
30.	f.	1	" " d. Veronica " St. Leger by Eclipse
31.	h.	1	" " d. Rattle " Young Henry by Sir Henry
32.	h.	1	" " d. Cornelia " Red Rover—
33. Jack	9	"	"
34. Jenny	old		C. Taylor
35. Young Jack	2	"	do "
36. do	1	"	"

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1st January — Tuesday — the weather continues very cold — therm. yesterday 4° — this morning 14° — the ice is over 6 inches thick — finished filling the ice-house, having hauled 143 loads — the river is frozen over — the snow which fell on Friday night has not thawed at all —

5th Saturday — rained very hard on Thursday night — on Friday we went to Fredricksburg — left there at 10 P.M. to-day, & arrived in Richmond at 6 — weather raw & disagreeable —

7th the Session of the Assembly began to-day — Thos. W. Gilmer was elected Speaker without opposition — a good Message was rec.d from the Governor —

8th urged the House to adopt the Grenville plan of deciding contested elections — after much debate, my resolutions were, by consent, laid on the table —

14th the weather for a week past has been like that of spring — to-day has been rainy — nothing of interest before our House —

16th Wednesday — yesterday was rainy — Hail night & this morning, we had rain, hail & snow — Our House fixed on the 4th Feby for the election of Senator Tyler, Rives, and Judge Tucker (Pres.t of the Court of Appeals) are, it is now said, to be the Whig, Conservative, & Loco Foco candidates — result doubtful —

18th Robert Stanard was elected to-day Judge of the Court of Appeals

:peals – Judge Allen & Jno: T. Clay were also nominated. The vote on the 1st ballot was, N. of Del: Stanard 63 – Allen 41 – Mary 17 – Jno: T. Breckenridge 1 – Judge Leigh 1 – Sarah Stanard 9 – A. 15 – Mr. 5 – Jas Marshall 1. 2nd ballot – Stanard, N. of D. 71 – A. 55 – Jno: Robertson 1 – Jno: T. 9 – A. 21. Total vote for Stanard 80 – Allen 76 – Scattering 1. – Voted for Stanard each vote –

23d. Tomy Wednesday – nothing of interest has been before our House until to day – The Res: resp: the Public Lands were taken up – 2 of them were passed nem. con – the 3d with a minority of 13 – strong opposition is anticipated to the 4th resp: a distribution of the proceeds arising from the sales of Public Lands –

26th – yesterday was a rainy day – rained very heavily last night – the early part of this week was cold – the discussion has been interesting on the Res: resp: the Public Lands for 3 days – but there has been no decision of the 4th Res: – Some contend for an essential difference between the lands ceded by Virginia & other States and those obtained by purchase – believing it constitutional to distribute the proceeds arising from the sales of the first but not of the last – others are opposed to distribution except where the necessary is redundant, & require a saving clause to this effect, lest the plan of distribution sh: lead to an increase of the Tariff – & also a guarantee for the observance of the Compromise Act of 1833 – others desire a distribution on whatever terms Congress may deem

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to be just & equitable — a few loco-focos oppose distribution in any shape — Edmunds, of Halifax, & Smyth, of I. of Wight, are of the last class, among those who have spoken — Wilcox, Robertson & others are of the first class — Bayly of the second — Tyler, Doman, Stuart & others from the third and more numerous portion of the H. of Del: there has been no vote to test the strength of either —

30th January — Wednesday — there was some rain to day — the Res. respg the Public Lands were passed by large majorities, the loco-focos in mass voting negatively — On Saturday last, the Whigs met, & to ascertain the sentiments of a majority, balloted for those they preferred as Senator — the results were as follows, viz: 1st ballot — Tyler 26 — Baldwin 14 — Rives 11 — Jas. Barbour 9 (and Mr. Robertson 1 — 2d Tyler 27 — Baldwin 20 — Rives 13 — 3d Tyler 33 — Baldwin 24 — Voted for Barbour on the 1st & for Tyler on the 2d & 3d ballots — There are 80 Whigs in the Legislature (of Senators), of whom there are 4 Ad Treasury-men — 14 Conservatives, of whom 6 or 7 are Conservative-Whigs — 65 loco-focos — 2 vacancies —

2d February — Saturday — snowed all day yesterday — it has melted rapidly, leaving the ground very wet — local & unimportant business in our House —

9th — nothing of general interest has come before our House this week — the weather has been variable — yesterday was fair & last night were rains —

16th Saturday — 3 days of this week were occupied by the James River Bill, without coming to a decision — yesterday was fixed for the Election of

of Senator Payton nominated Rives in a brief & able manner. Wise made an elaborate speech in behalf of Tyler, & was followed by Martin, who spoke well. Bagby followed & occupied the House 2 hours in vindicating what every one knew of the administration of Jackson & V. Pendleton supported the nomination of Rives in a speech which received the plaudits of friends & foes. Others indicating a wish to speak, the House adjourned at 3½ P.M. Botts began the discussion in reply to Pendleton to-day. He was followed by Venable, who made a sensible speech in vindication of Rives. Mr. Sorrell spoke with great effect in opposition to Rives & Mason (who was briefly nominated by Col. Watkins) & expressed his unwavering determination to vote for Tyler. After a discussion in the Senate between Mr. Smith & Anderson, the ballotings took place. 1st Tyler 54 H. & S. = 62. Rives 25 & 4 = 29. Hon. G. Mason 48 & 18 = 66. 5 scattering & 2 absent. 2nd T. 56 & 9 = 65. R. 24 & 4 = 28. M. 48 & 19 = 67. 4 scattering. 3rd T. 52 & 9 = 61. R. 28 & 4 = 32. M. as before. 4 scattering. Tyler & a sick member are the absentees. I voted for Tyler each ballot. At 7½ P.M. adjourned the joint order to Monday. The weather has been like that of spring all this week.

18th. The discussion was renewed to-day. Wood, Baston, Sorrell, Payton & Funstall participating in the debate. 3 ballots followed with the following result, viz. Tyler 47. Rives 45. Mason 69. 6 scattering & absent

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absent — 2d. ballot — T. 47 — R. 45 — M. 68 — 5 Scatg & abs. — 3rd T. 42 — R. 51 — M. 68 — 5 absent — Finding Tyler's election hopeless, I voted for Rives as my second choice — At a late hour, the Senate sent to the House an indecorous resolution, proposing to defer the execution of the joint order until a question pending in that body was decided — It was amended in the House, postponing until to morrow — As amended, was concurred in — we adjourned at ¼ before 7 — rained last night & the greater part of today —

20th Wednesday — The Senate was engaged in discussion all day yesterday, & we adjourned at a late hour without balloting — Today, there were six ballots, resulting as follows; viz:

	1st	2d	3d	4th	5th	6th
Rives	67,	76,	78,	78,	78,	67.
Mason	67,	70,	70,	70,	69,	68.
Tyler	20.					
Wm. Robertson						23.
Scatg & absent	12,	20,	18,	18,	19,	8.

Voted each time for Rives — at 8 O'clk., after Mr. Robertson was nominated received the above vote, the two Houses agreed to postpone the joint order until to morrow.

22nd — We were in session 10 hours yesterday, having adjourned after 9 P.M. There were 9 ballots, with the following results, viz:

	1st	2d	3d	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Rives	69.	66.	35.	31.	.	.	21.	29.	36.
Mason	67.	67.	67.	69.	68.	68.	68.	71.	73.
Robertson	35.	27.	13.	.	.	.	.	.	.
C. Johnson	.	.	45.	61.	75.	77.	70.	61.	54.
Scatg & abs.	5.	12.	6.	5.	23.	21.	7.	5.	3.

Voted for Rives on 1st & 2d. ballot — and for Chapman Johnson 7 times — His election seems hopeless — We meet to-morrow to make the last trial — Rives' prospects are best — but there is

strong

strong probability that there will be no election — an event greatly to be deprecated — we adjourned over to day to have some rest for the fatigue & weary of our protracted sittings, and to calm excited minds —

23d. Feby. Saturday — six ballotings to day, as follows, viz:

Rives — 46, 47, 70, 77, 77, 76.
Mason 64, 64, 66, 67, 66, 67.
Johnson 47, 47, 22. Scatg tabs. 9, 8, 8, 22, 23, 23. I voted for Rives on each ballot excepting the second, when I voted for Johnson in consideration of an appeal of Mr. Botts to rally once more for a Whig — an unavailing appeal at this stage of the election — Mr. Wickham moved an indefinite postponement, which was carried by a vote of to . Voted in the negative, believing that we ought to discharge the duty enjoined by the Constitution & preferring a postponement of a few weeks — weather warm for several days —

25th — rained last night and until noon to day — very mild —

27th — rained greater part of yesterday & last night — there was lightning last evening — no interesting business is now before us —

March 2d — rain again yesterday and last night —

4th — weather very cold last night and to-day — the public officers were all re-elected to day — Wright opposed Walton as Agent of the Penitentiary — but unsuccessfully —

9th Saturday — The Bank bill has been before our House this week

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week – also, the James River Bill – but neither was finally disposed of. I voted against striking out the vital section of the bill – appropriating $3.000.000 – but shall be compelled reluctantly to vote against the bill, in obedience to what I am convinced is the will of those whom I represent – This great work ought to be completed – the best interests of the whole State demand the union of the James & Ohio Rivers –

14th – I accompanied Hodges, of Nansemond, to Norfolk on Sunday last – on Monday, to Suffolk – where Mallory & Holleman, Whig & Loco foco candidates for Congress, addressed the people – thence to Judge Baker's, on Blackwater River – about 40 miles from Portsmouth – yesterday, we came to Gray's – the junction of the Portsmouth & Petersburg Rail Roads – 2 miles from the Roanoke – leaving Portsmouth at 7½ A.M. the cars arrive at this junction at 1½ P.M. 76 miles – having to remain all night, we walked to Weldon 2½ miles, crossing the fine R. Road Bridge over the Roanoke – Weldon is a poor village – very little produce seems to reach this point – but the ~~Wilmington~~ Rail Road extends towards Wilmington & conveys many passengers – we left Gray's this morning at 10¼ A.M. and arrived at Petersburg at 3 P.M. – dined – left at 3½ & were in Richmond at 5 – much cotton & other produce is hid to Petersburg from Blakeley below, & from Gaston above, the falls of the Roanoke – excepting that on James River & some islands on the Roanoke, all the country I have seen is extremely sterile – it rained on Monday morning – was very cold Tuesday, Wednesday – & had rained

nearly

nearly the whole of this day.

16th Saturday — the James River Bill, curtailed, passed last evening by a vote of 70 to 34. I was compelled to vote "No" — very pleasant weather.

18th — charming spring weather — the South Western Rail Road Bill passed to its engrossment to-day by a vote of 64 to 58 — Long to vote against it — this work will aggrandize Virginia more than any yet projected — it will be all-valuable in connection with the James River Improvement — its fate is still uncertain.

23rd Saturday — The S.W. Rail-Road bill was lost on Friday 19th — ayes 54 — noes 62 — the fine weather has continued with little interruption until to-day — rain commenced at midnight, & continued till near Sundown — Mrs. T. intended to go to Fredg to-day on her way home — but is detained by the sickness of Himself, who has Scarlet fever.

30th — this has been a rainy day — weather mild.

April 1st Monday — showery this morning — we are rapidly advancing thro' our business — & expect to adjourn in a week.

4th — nominated N. G. Conway, of Lancaster, for the Office of Register — Speaker Parker, of the Senate, & J. B. Miller, formerly of Botetourt, were the opposing candidates — 1st ballot: Parker 71, Conway 46, Miller 26, Scatg. 1 — 2d. Vote — Parker 84 — Conway 58, Scatg. 2 —

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Mrs. T. went yesterday to Fredericksburg on her way home.

10th April – the St. of Del: having disposed of every thing before it on yesterday, I left Richmond last evening at 5½ P.M. – arrived in Fredg. at 11 – & home to-day – sweet home! finding every thing going on well –

12th. Julia has the scarlet fever slightly – Pomsell has again been attacked, & was very ill last night – but is much better this evening. began to rain early last night & continued until breakfast – the day has been showery – began to plant corn on Monday 8th – pleasantly at all suitable times – wheat looks unusually well – the late rain will prove highly beneficial – 85 bushels oats were sown –

13th Saturday – showery to-day – every thing is refreshed by the rain – the season is forward – cherry & apple trees are in full bloom –

14th there was more rain on Tuesday evening – some frost on Monday morning – we have had high cold winds this week, which have impaired the benefit of the rains, the grass being now hard & crusty – sickness in my family has prevented my applying my attention to my farming operations – Mrs. T. has the scarlet fever very badly –

3rd May – since the foregoing entry, I was confined to my room ten days with scarlet fever – I came down stairs two days ago – but am too weak to attend to business – there have been 18 cases on the hill – one only proved fatal – Kitty's boy – who died after 36 hours illness – his case

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was aggravated by worms — Mr. Patterson finished planting corn on Monday last — Tuesday & Wednesday, planted the truck & collow patches — & then started the cultivators in the corn field — we have had slight rains for two or three nights past — it has been very dry & warm —

11th May — Saturday — we had a fine & most welcome rainy day yesterday, the rain having set in early the previous night — heretofore it had been very dry — the corn, however, was looking unusually well — & the wheat was recovering from the depredations of the fly, which had done much mischief — a child of Maria's — Louisa — fell a second victim last week to the scarlet fever — there have been 26 cases on the hill — I have rode on horseback four days of this week, but recover strength slowly — Pomsell is excessively reduced — barely able to sit up — Fanny & Henry (convalescents) and old Milly do all our household work — all the rest are still sick —

14th — there were light showers in the early part of yesterday — but towards evening, we had very heavy rains — too wet to day to work corn, so we are hauling out old straw on next years corn-field, grubbing briars & bushes in the Pogue meadow, & doing other little jobs —

18th Saturday — sheared the sheep on Wednesday last — on Thursday, the therm: was 81° — last night, we had a light rain, with

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much lightning, which has lowered the temperature — the cultivators finished the Dogue field of corn yesterday — this morning, harrowed the buck patches — mending our roads to-day with the hoe-hands.

25th May. Our election terminated this evening after a contest of 3 days — Thursday being rainy — tho' on that day, 18 more votes were polled than ever before — 1st day, Taliaferro 154, Grayson 138 — 292 votes — Taylor 158 — Howe 146 — 304 votes — 2d day, Taliaferro 160, Grayson 152 = 312 votes — Taylor 168 — Howe 158 — 326 votes — 3d day, Taliaferro 163 — Grayson 163 = 326 votes — Taylor 173 — Howe 169 — 342 votes — My actual legal majority is 23 votes, the High Sheriff, Col. Baker, having authorized me to say that 21 votes on Howe's poll were illegal in his opinion, tho' he believed himself compelled to receive them, according to law, as they were sworn in — there are perhaps, two illegal votes on my poll —

27th Monday — we have had heavy gusts with much rain the two last nights — the mercury ranged from 72° to 80° last week.

29th Very heavy rain fell again on Monday night — therm. to-day, 62° — the corn at the Dogue is very fine. we have gone over more than half with the cultivator-harrows — wheat is improving, but the crop promises to be light, the fly having done extensive damage — had our 1st dish of potatoes to-day — we have also French-beans & onions — strawberries have been very large —

1st June Saturday — the weather has been cool this week —

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the therm. ranged to day from 56° to 62° — we have nearly finished with the cultivator-harrows — the corn is generally large enough now to receive the dirt — hoes follow the harrows closely — the carpenters worked at Mr. Lucas berry's in Lanry — they then repaired the inclosures at the Hop-Yard Barn & machine House — put up the post & rail fence under the hill 638 yards in length — & also a fence at the Dogue barn — they are now sawing lathing for the Dogue barn, & making troughs to convey the rain water from the Hop Yard barn & stable so as not to carry off the manure from the yard — they are doing sundry other jobs occasionally —

5th — June — Wednesday — 8 ploughs began yesterday to throw dirt to the corn — by referring to my journals, I perceive that the present season is in advance of any year since 1833 — We began with the mould-board to the corn, in 1831, on the 8th June — 1832 — 5th do — 1833, 31st May — 1834, 14th June — 1835 — 15th do — 1836, 17th do — 1837, 9th do — 1838, 13th do — 1839, 4th — we have generally been ready for this process, when the corn is large enough — had we finished with the cultivator-harrows, we might have commenced with the small ploughs several days earlier — the field looks beautifully at the Dogue, wherever clover has grown — several moderate showers fell yesterday & it rained hard last night, but it is not too wet to plough on the hill-sides — it had been very wet and

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cool for a week — wheat improves, but the crop will be very short —

10th June — Monday — there were two very pretty showers yesterday — the weather has been warm for the three last days — Therm. 76° — the hoes are thinning & weeding corn to day in the Dogue meadow — the ploughs on the hill-sides north west of the public road — having finished the two cuts adjoining the garden west of the hill-side, next Dogue run — 10 running since Friday —

13th — a heavy shower fell yesterday morning — we had a gust with more heavy rain & some hail at night — to day has been very warm — Therm: 87° — another gust this evening, without much rain — hoes have finished thinning & weeding corn — cleared buck patch to day — ploughs are next Dogue outside line, where the land was in good order & the corn small —

15th Saturday — yesterday was a rainy day, beginning to rain before day-light — we are succoring corn, which is very fine around the Dogue ponds & on the hill-sides — it is not too wet for the ploughs, next the wood — carpenters are putting new roof on the Dogue barn — the shingles were cut & rived in April —

17th — fortunately for the wheat, the weather has been cool since the late rains — Therm. 58° this morning — began to day to cut the forward wheat, which is indifferent, not having recovered from the injury by the fly, tho' the land was marled and manured —

24th — Monday — there are 47 shocks of the forward wheat — went

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to Mt. Airy on Wednesday returned on Saturday — on Tuesday & Friday, heavy showers fell here — there was no rain in the lower counties — we began our harvest to-day with 5 callers, but were interrupted about ten or eleven by a heavy rain, which continued more or less heavily for 4 or 5 hours — the ploughs finished last week throwing dirt to the corn — & began to split the middles — 3 were at work to-day —

1st July — Monday — we renewed our harvest on Tuesday last with 7 callers — Thursday was rainy — early to-day, we finished calling and putting the wheat into shocks — In the 55 acre cut, there are 125 shocks — 10 acre cut 22, 7 acre cut 7, 14 acre cut 40, 14 acre cut 20, (some oats in this & the following cuts) — 44 acre cut 50, 48 acre cut (only 28½ acres in wheat & oats) 42 — in field No 2, next the river, 15 shocks — Total 368 shocks — 7 ploughs splitting middles to-day —

4th Tuesday was showery — towards evening and all night rained very heavily — we had another hard rain last night — finished splitting middles to-day — & started 6 cultivators — the tassels are numerous in the corn-field around the Dogue garden —

6th Saturday — we have had cool weather for a week or two — corn looks well & grows very rapidly — have laid by all west of the turning nearest the outer Dogue gate — weeded buck patch this evening —

10th Wednesday — after a week's illness, Old Joe died last night

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at the assumed ag. of about 80 – there was a dash of rain on Monday night – Therm.r was 83° to-day –

11th – there was a severe gust last night – the cloud was narrow, not reaching the Dogue Island a mile or so above us, & contained hail, and was accompanied by tremendous wind – it did no mischief to this place – but injured the corn between mine & Mr. Threadgill's house – blew off the top of a chimney at Mr. Moore's – & prostrated trees, fences & a coal shacker in its progress thro' Mr. Jno. Arnold's – Therm.r 87° to-day –

13th Saturday – cutting oats yesterday with 6 cutters – to-day, we are binding it in sheaves & putting it into shocks – the cultivators finished the Dogue field yesterday evening – put up 744 shocks of oats –

15th – we had a fine, steady rain several hours yesterday morning – 8 cutters are cutting oats to-day –

17th – finished cutting oats early on Tuesday morning – put up 81 shocks on that day – & 73 to-day – a slight rain prevailed the hands from finishing – went to Hedg.s & returned to-day –

19th – finished the oats & also the corn field yesterday – there are 259 shocks of oats – cleaned a yard – & put up 2½ stacks of oats – very warm –

20th Saturday – there are 3 large stacks of oats in the barn yard from the cut near the river – put up 3½ stacks of early wheat from same cut –

22d – put up 1½ stacks more in the barn-yard – 5 in all – of which rather

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more than one is bearded wheat — put up 2 stacks in the field, close to the new ground, in the 14 acre cut — Therm. yesterday 84°. to-day 87°. began to cut the timothy in Kay's run meadow with 4 cutters —

24th very warm for several days past — put up 6 stacks of wheat yesterday & to-day — we have just turned our stock upon the clover field — a passing cloud gave us a good sprinkle last night — this evening, it poured for nearly half an hour — this rain will make a great deal of corn —

27th began to beat out corn on Thursday —

29th mending road to landing to-day — finished cutting Kay's run meadow this eve — the crop of hay is better than it has been —

31st Wednesday — beat out some more corn yesterday, making 64 cribs @ 5 bbls = 320 bbls — (33 cribs out of the corn house) — sowed in some wheat last eve — to-day, we have been fixing to start the new wheat machine — but were interrupted this eve. by a fine rain for an hour — Therm. 88° to-day — it has ranged from 70° to 84° for a week or two —

3d August — Saturday — the rain on Wednesday washed our roads so badly, that to mend them occupied all hands on Thursday — we started the machine yesterday — after threshing about 50 bushels, we were interrupted by rain, which soon fell in torrents — our meadows were overflowed completely — every thing is wet to-day, so that we are

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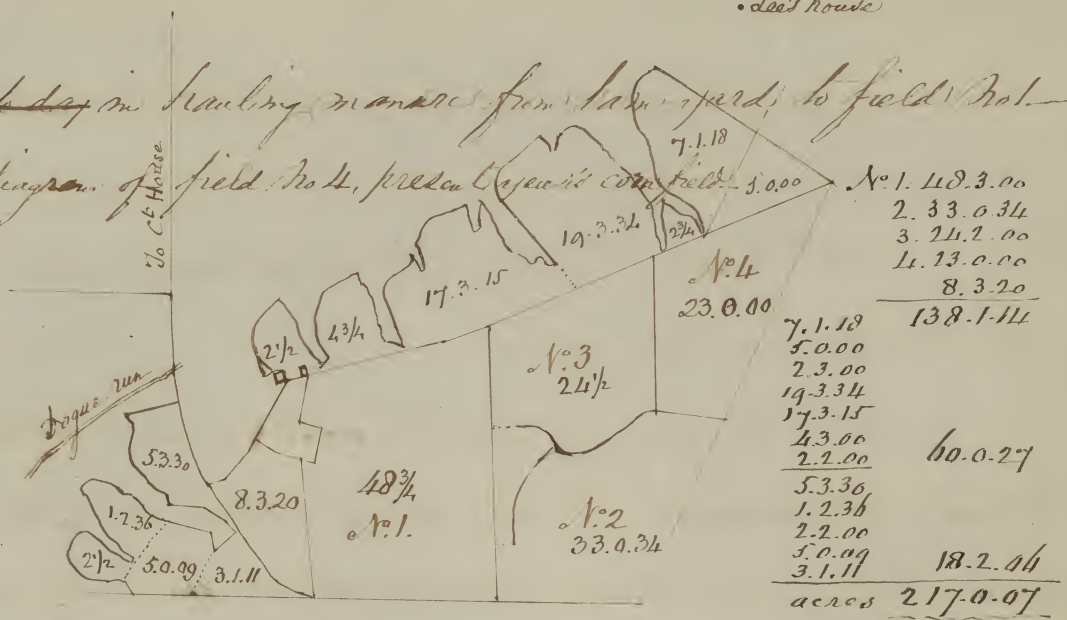
employed ~~to day~~ in hauling manure from barn yard, to field No 1 — reduced diagram of field No 4, present year is corn field



7th August. Wednesday — on Monday, we threshed the remainder of the stacks at the barn — total 194 bushs — aver. 3¾ bs. to the shock — delivering corn yesterday & to-day to the Brig Maria, Welch Moody — put on board 1200 bushs. yesterday & 317 to-day — Mr. Strachley shipped 806 bushs — Mr. Arnold 520½ bs. and Thomas Fitzhugh 264 bs — finished cutting hay yesterday — we are stacking the hay in Kay's run meadow — much of it is injured by the overflowing of the meadow last week —

10th — we had a gale on Tuesday evening — it rained moderately half an hour — yesterday, we finished getting out the oats at the barn, & removed the machine to the wheat field — immediately after starting it, a tooth became loose & broke out so many others as to compel us to send the machine to the foundry in Fredericksburg — the hands proceeded to hauling out & spreading manure — we have finished stacking hay in both meadows — there are 9 stacks from Kay's run meadow — and 5 from

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the Dogue meadow — we lost at least one stack by the flooding of the larger meadow —

13th August — Tuesday — it rained hard about an hour after sun-down yesterday —

17th Saturday — We threshed ~~about~~ 40 bushels of wheat, in about 3 hours on Wednesday — on Thursday, got out 200 bushels — 5 stacks — a very severe storm of wind & rain prevailed all day yesterday — too wet to-day to work the machine — a great deal of corn is blown down — this morning the mercury had fallen to 62° —

20th yesterday, we threshed 195 bushels of wheat — it rained an hour at noon, & the machine lost about 3 hours' work — to day, we got out 135 bushels, when we were again stopped by rain — it has been a very wet morning —

22d Thursday — yesterday was another wet day after 11 o'clock — showers following rapidly — last night, the rain fell in torrents — the runs were higher than I have ever seen them — the Dogue meadow was covered entirely with water this morning — the bridge timbers floating, could not pass — have hauled out & spread a good deal of manure this week — since writing the foregoing, we have had numerous light showers —

23rd — another hard rain last night — this morning promised the return of good weather — but to our surprise, a very heavy rain fell

fell at mid-day—

24th August Saturday— we have at length the prospect of fine weather— we delivered to-day on board the schooner Andrew Brown 585 bushs. of wheat, weighing 536 bushs (aver: 55lbs nearly), sold to Mr. Knox @ 112½ ¢—

27th— got out the two remaining stacks of wheat yesterday, which yielded 90 bushs— & then began the oats— these have sprouted in the stacks, & are very damp— warm weather— Therm: was 80° in Fredg yesterday— here it was 84°— same to-day— we go up in the mail-boat to-night to Washington

2d October— Wednesday— we returned home this evening, having come down to-day in the Fredg to Boyd's Hole— on the night after our departure from home, a very heavy rain fell— Mary's run rose to the bottom hinge of the gate at the ice pond— & the Dogue run floated off the bridge— since then, the rains have been few & moderate— it is now excessively dry— during our absence, the scarlet fever broke out at the barn quarters— Hannah's two children, Kitty & Becky, died on the 16th & 17th Sept, after being ill only two or three days— Mary's Aaron died on the 21st his disease seems to have been worms— there are yet several very bad cases of scarlet fever— there have been several frosts—

7th began to sow wheat to-day in the 8¾ acre cut at the Dogue— 5 bushs. we procured of Jas. G. Taliaferro jr— it is recommended

as fly-proof — the original stock came from Delaware, where it is grown by Doctor Vandain —

12th Oct. Saturday — Hannah's son, Joe, 9 yrs. old, died yesterday, the third victim in her family to scarlet fever — howsoever long ill. She has another in a dangerous condition — we have 42 stacks of fodder — all blades — we cut only a few tops to cover farm-yard — 5 stacks are west of public road — 12 in the Dogue horse cuts — 8 in cuts 2, 3 & 4, and 10 between burning, row & Dogue run — 35 stacks in field No. 4 (we had only 19 in 1834 on same land) and 7 in new ground & meadows — our oat crop is about 800 bushels — we have sown 12½ bushs. of wheat in the 8¾ac. (5 bel. 3 of forward & 4½ p. boarded wh.) cuts — 8 bush. of forward wheat, upon the land which was marled — and are sowing cuts No 1 (48 acres) having sown in it 10 bs. on Wednesday, 22 on Thursday, 22 yesterday, and 10 to-day — we have had at work 3 double ploughs and 3 harrows — now 4 ploughs & 2 harrows — ground very hard —

15th Hannah's Lizzy died this morning, the fourth child she has lost within a month by scarlet fever —

16th — on Monday evg. finished sowing cut No 1, having sown 7 bushs — in all, 71 in that cut — we have dug our Irish & sweet potatoes, which are very fine & plentiful — put away to-day 16 tumbril loads of sound pumpkins —

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18th Oct. we were 3 days sowing 30 bushs. in cut No. 3 — we began to sow between the turning row and ditch but before finishing, were stopped by rain, which set in about mid day —

19th Saturday — after sowing 13¾ bushs in the part of cut No 2 begun yesterday, we proceeded to the west side of the public road — the rain continued last night rather heavily — cleared early to day — we have sown 123¾ bushs. of wheat —

22nd Tuesday — have sowed west of road, excepting the marled cut previously sown, 114½ bushs — finished early to day — and went to the top of the hill above the Dogue run, opposite cut No 1, where we sowed 5 bushs. of white wheat obtained from Wm. P. Duxenbery —

24th — Sowed 3 bushs. bearded wheat in the same cut with the white wheat — and 8½ bushs. in the cuts below the stable — thus finishing sowing all the land in the Dogue field designed for wheat — in all, 154¼ bushs — 5 ploughs began this morning to break up the new ground in field 3 — all the rest of the hands are bearing off the corn — Indian summer seems to have set in —

30th Wednesday — we had a frost this morning — the only one for four weeks — the weather has been very mild — sometimes, too warm — finished to-day breaking up the new ground — the stumps have made it tedious work — attended the sale at Windsor two days past — the carpenters

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are shingling the Logue House — a short time ago, they put a new gate to repaired the trunk &c at the mill —

2nd December Saturday Sowed 2½ bushels of wheat on the new ground, which we finished yesterday evening — whole quantity sown 181¼ bushels — the whole crop of this year is 835¼ bushels from 180 sown — a yield of 4½ for one — average weight about 55 lbs — the hay hands were chopping new ground — 3 ploughs began to-day to break up the Logue meadow, where the bull-rushes were acquiring stable possession very white frost yesterday — slight rain last night — weather rainy & disagreeable to-day —

3rd Wheat was sown on Thursday evening — the yesterday's sowing — to-day has been rainy — before dinner, it fell very heavy, & then cleared — finished chopping the new ground at midday on Monday — the ploughs finished the meadow to-day — very rainy job —

11th Monday — attended the Agric. Society meeting in Perth on Friday & Saturday — indifferent show — we began to gather corn on Thursday last in the new ground, which we finished this evening — we got 25 loads — 125 bbls — double the product of last year — that's up for fattening 27 hogs on the 6th — 3 ploughs have been at work in the road since Friday morning — 2 squares well forward thereafter then the Threshing's fence was ploughed — we have had

had heavy frosts since the 8th. There was much ice yesterday morning made 8 barrels of cider last week. It has been a very cold week, but not so much as by mid-November. The weather has been as fine this week.

15th Rained moderately from mid day yesterday until 8 in the night. There was a little rain on the 12th & 14th & the preceding Friday & Saturday in morning. 24 hrs. 1 of 1 in the dropped here.

16th Saturday. Rained hard last night. We gathered 47 loads of corn. 141 bbls. in cab. No 2 (V. p 21).

20th Wednesday. Hauled 34 loads of corn from No 4 & the poor cab. near Lee's fence. Began this morning to haul from No 1. Finished ~~[illegible]~~ breaking up the land east of the pond ditch. 52¼ acres. 1 lands just dropped.

22d The last two days have been intensely cold with high wind from the N.W. & N.E. freezing all day yesterday. Therm. 29° this morning 27°.

23d Therm. 23° this morning.

27th Wednesday. Rained moderately all day & Sunday, the rain coming on in the morning early. It has been very cold this morning, and 22° the ground has been too hard to plough after hauling 126 bbls. of corn from

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3rd December Tuesday — Left home on Saturday for Richmond — came down in the cars on that night — it began to rain early in the evening — on the route, it fell in torrents, so as to retard our progress — we did not arrive until 9 o'clock on Sunday morning, instead of 6 — the rain continued thro' that day so violently that there was no service in the churches — Monday was cloudy — to day, a most violent storm of wind & rain has prevailed — never witnessed worse weather — The legislature was organized yesterday — in the House, all the former officers were re elected — the Governor's Message was read.

10th — there has been nothing of interest before our House until to-day — the Committee of Priv: & Elections, of which I am a member, made a report on the contested election from Norfolk Borough — Allyn is the sitting, Cunningham the contesting member — the Com: reported against the construction given by the Mayor to the 17th Sect: of the Election Law, which forbids any elector from being polled twice al one the same election — The Congressional & Borough elections were held on the same day — the Mayor decided that a voter could not legally vote for the Congressional candidate in the morning & the Borough candidate in the evening, which he held to be voting twice "at one & the same election". Scott, of Phila:

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:gues, argued very ably, that the Mayor's construction of the law was correct — that the election was "one and the same", conducted by the same officers, at the same time, at the same place & under the same regulations — that the statute was remedial & should be so construed, the prohibition to vote twice being intended to facilitate the election & to prevent combination & fraud. Mr: Southall took opposite views, & sustained them ably. The question is a difficult one — the practice has been various in different portions of the state & no adjudication of the point has been cited — others partook in the debate, but the House adjourned at 3 P.M. without coming to a decision —

12th Dec: Thursday — more rain last night — yesterday was consumed by the Bank Bill. To-day, Scott renewed his argument & Southall replied — the decision was against the Mayor's construction of the law — 98 to 21 — the real question is, was the notice sufficient to bring in question the legality of the election. The two Houses adjourned to Saturday, to-morrow being designated by the clergy as a Day of Thanksgiving —

14th it is raining hard to-night — The House disposed of the contest from Norfolk by vacating the seat, after declaring that no notice was necessary for the sitting member to bring in issue the legality of the election — The majority was large in favor of sending the parties back to the people — I voted with the minority — the locos voted en masse with the majority —

21st Saturday — Yesterday & to-day, the contested election from Marshall County

County was before the House. We sat yesterday 'till 4½ P. M. & to day from 10 to the same hour — After the most elaborate discussion, it was decided by a vote of 60 to 55, that the general objection, "not qualified to vote according to the Constitution" embraces alienage, this, not being one of the personal disabilities enumerated in the provisions of the Constitution & that such notice is, therefore sufficient — It was also decided, by vote of 67 to 48, that the vote is legal, notwithstanding the vote is returned delinquent to the Auditor, if he deposes that he paid the revenue tax before he voted, tho' he did not produce the Sheriff's receipt — a decision, in my judgment very erroneous — very loco voted in the majority — snowing to night —

31st December Tuesday — On the morning of the 22d., I left Richmond in company with various members returning home — a heavy snow followed by rain, had fallen — It seemed very uncertain whether we should reach Fred'burg at the usual time, as no cars thence had come in — We reached Milford & a few miles further on without much difficulty, but we could get no further until after noon of the next day, when, the snow becoming soft, we were enabled to advance — We reached Fredg, after 3 P. M. — being over 22 hours on the road — On the 24th I went home, accompanied by Mr. Hodges, of Nansemond — Friday 27th was a rainy day — yesterday, it was intensely cold — we left Fredg. at 1 P. M. to-day in the midst of a furious snow storm — & arrived soon after 8 — Mr. Patterson

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finished on the 14th getting in corn — the cal next the bogue produced 7 bbls. to the acre — he estimates the crop at 1200 bbls — on the 17th killed 29 hogs, weighing 187 159 143 128 122 120 118 106 98 87 Total 3592 lbs.
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